

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rebecca Morello

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

Connie Johnk-Ware

Hearing God's Word

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

Hymn #182:

Transform Us As You, Transfigured

Scripture:

Matthew 17:1-8

Connie Johnk-Ware

Reflection

Rebecca Morello

Musical Meditation:

Take My Life, and Let it be Consecrated -

arr. Mark Hayes

Responding to God's Word

Communion*

Musical Reflection:

Dust in the Wind - Kerry Livgren

Hymn #595:

Be Thou My Vision

The Basket

Countryside Blessing

Dave Wingert

Postlude:

Seven Steps to Heaven - Victor Feldman

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.

* Communion text courtesy of @enfleshed.com



Who We Are:

We are an inclusive, open and affirming family of faith, welcoming all to God's table of love and acceptance.

We are diverse, yet united by Christ's example.

We care for one another, support one another and challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

We work together to nurture our community and to promote peace, equality and justice in our conflicted world.

C4 Choir - Bruce Blanchard, director

Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Music Notes:

Our entry into Lent is symbolized through the imposition of ashes in a sign of a cross and the phrase "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The sentiment of that phrase has been shared by many religions and cultures throughout human history as a lens through which to interpret the meaning of life and how to live. *Dust In The Wind* by Kansas speaks to this compellingly, through an indigenous cultural paradigm that happens to be very similar to the Abrahamic paradigm.

In an interview, Kansas guitarist Kerry Livgren shared his inspiration for the song: "I was reading a book on American Indian poetry one day, and I came across that line... 'for all we are is dust in the wind,' and I thought, well, you know, that's really true. Here I got all this success - I've got material possessions - I've got a goal in my life that had been accomplished at that point, but I'm going back into the ground - and what does this really mean in light of that?"

Sylvia Dunstan was a United Church of Canada minister and prison chaplain who was known for her passion for those in need, her gift of writing, and her love of liturgy. She passed at a young age after a battle with liver cancer, but wrote a number of important hymns during her short career. *Transform Us As You, Transfigured* is based on today's scripture story and is an exhortation for Christ to guide us through our journey through Lent.

Joys and Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, or a joy you would like to share, or if you would like to be included on the list in the bulletin or be on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact the Office at 402-391-0350 or office@countrysideucc.org

JOYS:

Rick and Chris Gilmore are now proud grandparents. They are celebrating the birth of Walter Dean Gilmore with their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Lauren Gilmore. Baby Walter was born on Valentine's Day.

CONCERNS:

Margaret Hayford had hip surgery on Friday, February 10, to repair torn tendons from a fall. She continues to make good progress on her road to a full recovery. Love and prayers for Margaret and her husband, **Tim Ekberg**, as they move through this process.

Prayers for **Laurie Morrison** as we have recently been made aware that she has been admitted to Methodist Hospital. Pastor Keith will be reaching out to Laurie and we will provide more details as they are offered.

Mike (Janelle) Baber had hip surgery last week. He is home and is reporting relatively little pain. Janelle continues to be very appreciative of Countryside's outreach. Please pray for Mike's continued healing and for Janelle as she supports him in his recovery.

Love and prayers for **Andy and Marylinn Smith**. Marylinn continues her recovery at Old Mill Rehab and added prayers for Andy, as he is being seen by a cardiologist for some heart issues this week. If you are so inclined, please send a card to Andy and Marylinn Smith at 4702 N 133rd Plz. Apt. 111, in Omaha, 68164.

Rodge Bickerstaff has left the hospital and is home on hospice. He is open to visitors but please call ahead at 402-292-0515 or 402-630-3241. Please pray for both Rodge and his wife Kathie, who had cataract surgery this week. God, we pray for Rodge and Kathie during this very difficult time.

God of grace and mercy, there are many who are suffering loss today. Around the world and in our communities, we are mourning. We continue holding in our prayers our siblings in Turkey and Syria who are survivors and victims of this earthquake. Be present with these families and communities during this time of crisis and need. Be a source of strength and comfort through these days ahead. Help us to be present on behalf of those in need. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.