

October 22, 2023
Show Me a Coin
Reverend Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Community Church
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Because of **You** our church changes lives.

Order of Worship 10 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude: *Crystal Silence* - Chick Corea

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Todd Samland

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Emma Boyd

Musical Reflection: *Be A Light* - Thomas Rhett

Scripture:

Matthew 22:15-22

Todd Samland

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Choral Reflection: *For the Beauty of the Earth* - John Rutter

Responding to God's Word

Communion

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Musical Meditation: *Lead Us From Death to Life* - Marty Haugen

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Basket

† Hymn: *God of Day and God of Darkness*

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude: *Make Peace* - Pat Metheny

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director

Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocals - Rick Avard, piano Alex Ritter, organ

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

God of Day and God of Darkness



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the
 3. Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, Make us
 4. You shall be the path that guides us, You the
 5. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our



stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and
 rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
 ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of
 light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all
 source and you our end; Praise to you who love and



deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -
 bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and
 jus - tice So we do what you would do. Let us
 peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn, For our
 nur - ture us As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us



a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your
 wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -
 call all peo - ple ho - ly, Let us pledge our lives a -
 hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -
 all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y



might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice
 nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,
 new, Make us one with all the low - ly,
 turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,
 mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,



Fills the earth with ra - diant light.
 All your chil - dren at our door.
 Let us all be one in you.
 We shall all your face dis - cern.
 Hearts re - newed to King - dom tend.

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 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone who would benefit from prayer, want to share a joy or be included on the bulletin list and /or on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

JOYS:

Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!

Dan Loven-Crum shares amazing news about his mother's cancer journey – after four years of chemo and treatment for multiple myeloma, she had a bone scan that showed no lesions or abnormal thinning of her bones! We celebrate this wonderful news with Dan and his family!

CONCERNS:

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Jeri Cook is anticipating an upcoming serious eye surgery on October 26. We keep her in prayer as she prepares, and for all to go well with the surgery.

Don (Bev) Sarton will have an angioplasty on October 26, and we pray for everything to go well and for him to feel the positive effects of the procedure.

A number of Countryside members have dealt with Covid in recent days, and we hold them all in prayer for full recovery and healing. We continue to pray for the overall health of our congregation in these fall days when many viruses are going around.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Mary and Stephen Graf
in honor of Nancy Graf's birthday.



A Theology of Sufficiency

by Rev. John Dorhauer

Rich Biblical traditions shaped Jesus' vision, including Micah 4: 3-4:

“God shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any- more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

It is my personal belief that this concept, one that I call a theology of sufficiency, provides a strategic pathway to the just peace we seek. It is the unjust distribution of wealth that keeps the wheels of war turning.

Micah rightly discerns in the heart of God that the beating of swords in plowshares can only be possible when the conditions envisioned by God and described in that final verse come into play. When all on Earth have their own vine and their own fig, just enough to sustain themselves

and free from the wanton greed of others who covet their neighbors' goods.

At the heart of God's vision of all nations laying down their weapons and no longer learning the ways of war is the collective distribution of God's bounty to ensure that all are fed and sheltered. These are the underlying conditions that render the sword and the spear obsolete and that mandate their repurposing as implements of agriculture rather than of devastation.

I remember with great fondness and deep appreciation the first Sunday I walked into the church I served right out of seminary, Zion United Church of Christ in Mayview, Missouri. A town of 250 people ten miles from a gallon of gas and a loaf of bread, this farm rich community was deeply dedicated to the work of a just peace. On the wall inside the front door as you entered the sanctuary was a poster that hung for all the years I served there. It was a quote from UCC theologian and biblical scholar Luke T. Johnson and it read quite simply: "Whatever you possess that someone else needs already belongs to them."

Generosity, as a spiritual practice, provides a way for us to think together as a Church about a theology of sufficiency so that there can be enough resources for all. Together, we can relate to each other so that "all sit under their own vines and their own fig trees, and not one shall make them afraid."



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