

# Order of Worship

## Gathering

Prelude:

Light in Darkness - Kerensa Briggs

Words of Welcome

† Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Chris Gilmore

#### Hearing God's Word

Welcome of New Members Rev. Dr. Keith Herron / Robyn Hubbard

> Children's Church Rebecca Morello

Musical Reflection:

Salt of the Earth - Andy Scott

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Chris Gilmore

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Tai Shan (Peaceful Mountain) -

Melvin Lauf, Jr.

## Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Let Your Light Shine - Craig Courtney

Pastoral Prayer /† Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

† Hymn:

O God of Light, May Our Light Shine

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Blessing

Ben and Matt Atchison

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

Countryside Community Church 13130 Faith Plaza | Omaha, NE 68144 | 402-391-0350 countrysideucc.org February 5, 2023, Epiphanies: Candlesticks and Salt Shakers



## 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 - Adam Witte, director Dr. Christine Beard, flute - Alex Ritter, organ /piano

#### Music Notes:

Light in Darkness is based on John 1:45 "the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." Throughout the piece she uses individual notes as "pivots" to take the harmony in a different direction - an intriguing way of conveying light breaking through darkness through music.

# New Members February 2023

Patti Brau

Jennifer and Jery Inbarasu Isaac and Liam

Christine Miller

Joanna and Jeffrey Murnan Eleanor, Everly, Emilia

Greg and Maggie Ramirez Grace, Wren, Summer

Jossy and Ryan Rogers Graham

# 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:

A prayer of gratitude. **Pam Govier** was in church on Sunday. She reports she is feeling much better and will begin outpatient rehab soon.

Don Sarton's friend Rev. David Van Heyningin has made significant progress the past week. Don talked briefly with David on Sunday afternoon. The conversation wore David out, but Don was able to connect with him. It was the first time since before David's accident the Saturday following Thanksgiving. God we give thanks for all the healing you are doing in David's body.

### **CONCERNS:**

Please lift up **Tom Scates and Ann Huxtable-Scates** as they both battle symptomatic Covid. Ann is just recovering from a miserable, never-ending sinus infection so they could use our prayers for restored health.

**Mike and Jan Brown** plan to return to church mid-March. From Jan: We miss you. We're each struggling with some viruses right now and would appreciate prayers of healing. Mike is to get his Covid booster on Feb. 3, assuming he's feeling strong enough. Then we'll drive to Arizona for a few weeks with our kitty Abe Lincoln. Thanks for all your support!

**Rodge Bickerstaff** is still in the hospital. Please pray for complete healing for Rodge. Rodge's wife, Kathie Bickerstaff, has set up a Caring Bridge site for Rodger and has asked to share this with Countrysiders. God we pray for Rodge to get him through this very difficult time. Heal the terrible infection in his body.

Marylinn (Andy) Smith has returned to the Old Mill Rehab Center. Andy is asking for prayers for Marylinn. You can send cards to: Marylinn Smith | 4702 N 133rd Plaza Apt. 111 | Omaha 68164

Please hold **Tom and Hannah Reilly**, and their extended family, in your prayers. Hannah's dad, Roy, passed away on Tuesday. In honor of Roy, who was a story teller, please share a good childhood story with someone this week.

Pat Walstrom is slowly progressing. Please continue to pray for her.

**Rick and Chris Gilmore** are requesting prayers for their family. **Rick Gilmore's** sister, Julie Gladney, is confident of her medical team and her course of treatment is being evaluated. Also, Chris's brother-in-law, Dennis O'Connor, is recovering well from his triple bypass surgery and will be going home from the hospital this week. Please pray for healing and a quick recovery.

Nancy Deetz is doing better as her oxygen levels have increased. We ask God to bring complete healing.