

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid - Ethel Smyth

Words of Welcome / Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

Marcia Blum

Hearing God's Word

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

Hymn #637

For All the Saints

Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Marcia Blum

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

O Love - Elaine Hagenberg

Responding to God's Word

Communion

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Hymn #636

Abide with Me

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Refection:

Saints Bound for Heaven - Mack Wilberg

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Blessing

Nancy Deetz

Postlude:

Litanies - Jehan Alain

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director
Alex Ritter, organ - Rick Avard, piano



November 6, 2022
New Member Sunday
Standing Firm in the
Hard Places

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.

Music notes:

Ethel Smyth was an English composer and activist who rebelled against her family to pursue a career in music. She was a leader in the women's suffrage movement alongside Emmeline Pankhurst, as well as a proponent for the advancement of women in music. According to scholar Amy Zigler, "while fighting sexist attitudes, Smyth won the support of conductors and patrons, to the extent that almost everything she composed was performed. She pursued her passions, in her music and personal life. She was ambitious and unapologetic. She didn't seem afraid to knock on a conductor's door or smash in a politician's window - both were the necessary course of action in her mind." She sought to write music that was unabashedly what critics of the day would consider masculine, and is part of the long lineage of queer organists, and wrote some unique organ music that took Baroque principles and recast them with a romantic twist. The chorale *O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid* is translated as follows: "O ground of faith, laid low in death, sweet lips now silent sleeping, surely all that live must mourn here with bitter weeping."

The hymn 'Abide with Me' is very representative of the Victorian period in England. Based on Luke 24:29, the Emmaus journey: "But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them." Hymnologist J.R. Watson notes, "Lyte's genius takes the quotation and turns it into a metaphor for human life in all of its brevity. At the same time, by changing 'Abide with us' into 'Abide with me,' he deepens the feeling by making it speak to the individual, in prayer or meditation." It is perhaps the personal intensity of the text, the use of the metaphor of evening and the closing line, "In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me," that makes this hymn a favorite at funerals. French composer Jehan Alain was killed in battle during World War II at the age of 29, but left a large body of work - music that was ahead of its time.

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Litanies is his best-known work and describes the soul crying out to the divine with a driving repetitive phrase 'Lord, have mercy.' "You must create an impression of passionate incantation," Alain wrote about playing this piece. "Prayer is not a lament but a devastating tornado, flattening everything in its way. It is also an obsession. You must fill people's ears with it, and God's ears too! If you get to the end without feeling exhausted you have neither understood it nor played it as I would want it."

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:

It is with great joy that Countryside welcomes new members:

Kelsey Arends and Jan Benitez, Janelle and Mike Baber, Megan Connelly, Autumn and Matt Cox, Linda and Todd Hall, Elizabeth Hansen and John Hewitt, Don and Sarah Rentzel-Jones, Hilary and Ryan Opdahl, David Palmer, Cynthia Pavey, Margie and Glenn Phillips, Kari Randazzo, Kathy and Joe Shotkoski, Metta and Andy West. Welcome!

New members **Hilary and Ryan Opdahl** welcomed **Madeline Gail Opdahl** into the family on Friday, October 21. They are now home and everyone is doing well. "She is the sweetest, easiest baby of all time. We are all very in love, including her big sister Willa. We can't wait for you to meet her."

Matt Wallace (Robin Stark) was inducted into the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 30. The band that **Steve (Dinah) Gomez** plays with, Luigi Inc., was also inducted. God, we thank you for the gifts Matt and Steve bring to worship with their talent on their instruments.

CONCERNS:

Jody Dungan's 42-year-old son died this week suddenly and unexpectedly. He leaves behind three children ranging in age from late teens to early twenties. Jody is requesting prayers for her grandchildren and we pray also for Jody and the rest of her family.

Norman Pavey's sister, Cynthia Pavey, is at Methodist Hospital with RSV, a respiratory disease that has expanded into pneumonia. She woke up on Saturday and was unable to walk. Please pray for her to heal completely and for her brother, Norm.

Craig Bartling is recovering at home from heart surgery and will be starting cardiac rehab next week. Please keep Craig in your prayers as he starts this next phase of recovery.

Continued prayers please for **Geoff Amstutz** as he moves forward with testing to determine the cause of his recent severe muscle fatigue. He had a muscle biopsy on November 1 and is hoping for answers soon after.

Continue to uplift in prayer members of our congregation who are recovering from recent health conditions:

**Mike Brown, Greg Witte, Matt Stursma, Mark Draper,
Sally Classen, Dee Schlautman, Greg (Johanna) Roberts and others.**

God, we ask you to minister to each of these in our community. May they experience your healing power.

Grant them strength as they continue to recover.

Prayers for the people of Haiti, that they may have enough to eat, clean water to drink, and be safe from violence, given the fact that the country worsens every day. We have CCC members with family members in the middle of this struggle.

Please pray for the people of Pakistan. The situation in Pakistan is dire. This summer's monsoon season has dropped nearly triple the average annual rainfall. At its peak, 73% of Pakistan's districts were impacted by flooding. While the waters have receded somewhat, flooding remains in 1/3 of its districts. The United Church of Christ is issuing an [appeal](#) to support the immediate needs in Pakistan and the long-term recovery of those devastated by these floods. The priority needs of the people are emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, sanitation, and health care. Please pray for the people of Pakistan.

The Nursery and Coffee House are available if your small human needs to burn off some energy during the Worship. For other small humans, there are Worship bags and books available. If you have a book suggestion, just let us know!