



April 9, 2022
Easter Sunday
Is This What Easter is All About?
Reverend Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Community Church
13130 Faith Plaza | Omaha, NE 68144 | 402-391-0350
countrysideucc.org

Order of Worship 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

Introit: *Christ is Arisen, Let Us Sing* - arr. Kenneth Kosche

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

† Hymn #216: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

9:00 a.m. Pam Kregg - 11:00 a.m. Rick MacInnes

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Choral Reflection: *Easter Exclamation* - Victor C. Johnson

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

9:00 a.m. Pam Kregg - 11:00 a.m. Rick MacInnes

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Choral Reflection: *Ubi Caritas* - Ola Gjeilo

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

† Hymn #230: *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

† Hymn: *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna*

Countryside Blessing

9:00 a.m. De Schmierer - 11:00 a.m. Adam Steinbach

Postlude:

Finale from "Organ Symphony no.6" - Louis Vierne

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

† Indicates those places where those who are able

2023 Easter Flower Dedications

Shelley and Dave Boyd

In Memory of Ellen Shaw

Teri and Mark D'Agostino

In Memory of our parents

Louise and Don Giger

In Memory of our parents

Carol Goldstrom

In Memory of Irene and Gayle Cummings

Dinah and Steve Gomez

In Loving Honor of our parents

Andrew, April, Soane and Pam Govier

In Memory of Dr. Bruce Govier

Elizabeth Hansen and John Hewitt

In Memory of Laurie Hewitt and Lonnie Bayer

Deb Hickman

In Memory of Ralph Curtis Hickman

Mary Johnston

In Honor of my three great-grandchildren

Sherryl Lilley

In Memory of family members

Deb and John McCollister

In Memory of Bob Way

Mary and Ray Meints

In Memory of Evelyn and Loren Fraser

Sarah O'Leary and Norman Pavey

In Memory of Luverna and Charlie Brown, Ruth and Fred Pavey, Jed O'Leary and Sybil Pavey

Kim and Ed Schwartz

In Memory of their parents Colonel and Mrs. Edward Schwartz and Geraldine and Roy Barber

Lori Shrum

In Memory of George and Lily Woods

Donna and Dan Trombla

In Honor of our children Celia, Ali, Jesse and Drew

Mary Watke

In Memory of Easter Bunny in a wheelchair

Lou Way

In Memory of Bob Way

Julie and Mark Wilson

In Memory of our parents

Stacy and Andy Wilson

In Memory of Loved ones

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 9:30 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 Debbie Vihstadt at debbiev@countrysideucc.org or 402-391-0350 or 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

Joys:

A huge joy to share!

Thank you, Rick MacInnes, Paul Nelson and the Countryside Relocation Committee for all your hard work! Countryside, HGA and Alley Poyner, Macchietto Architecture have won the international Religious Architecture and Art Design Award for 2022. Co-sponsored by Faith & Form and Partners for Sacred Places, the prestigious award recognizes Countryside in the Religious Architecture: New Facilities category.

Concerns:

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

Molly Anderson thanks everyone for your prayers as her brother Tim prepared to have triple bypass surgery. She reports that the surgery happened on Monday, April 3, as scheduled, and that it was successful; Tim was released from the ICU as of Thursday and scheduled to be discharged home on Saturday! Please continue to keep Tim in your prayers for a full recovery.

Geoff (Pam) Kregg requests prayers for his friend Jerry Stephens, who has begun external beam radiation treatment for cancer. Following the radiation treatment, Jerry will have surgery. Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers.

John Kugler shares that **Cyndi** is living with dementia and Parkinson's disease. She is now staying at Ovation Meadowlark. Please surround John and Cyndi with your love and uplift prayers for strength and peace for them both. If you would like to send a card, please send it to their home address (10304 Rockbrook Road, Omaha, NE 68124) and John will take them to Cyndi when he goes in to see her.

Nona Morrison requests prayers for her nephew, Garrett Morrison, who is facing serious brain issues, possibly involving surgery. Garrett is an adult and lives in Orlando, Florida.

Love and prayers for **Ann (Kevin) Naylor** as she has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ann reports that the tumor is small and hasn't spread. She will be seeing a surgeon this week and her treatment will be determined. Please lift Ann and Kevin up as they move through this challenging process.

Margie (Glenn) Phillips requests prayers for her neighbor, Cindy, who has Stage IV lung cancer which has metastasized to her bones. Please pray for Cindy and for Margie and Glenn as they process this devastating news about their friend and offer support to her.

Pat Walstrom's memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 11am at the Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler West Center Chapel. There will be a private family interment at the Columbarium afterwards.

We continue to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee, that they would be guided by the Spirit in all they do as they continue in their process towards calling Countryside's next Senior Minister. We know they have been hard at work for many months, and we want them to feel our support!

Music notes:

Countryside is pursuing the Accessible to All (A2A) designation which recognizes congregations that have completed the A2A process and thereby made the commitment to be physically and attitudinally welcoming of people with disabilities. This process includes a commitment to disability education, awareness, advocacy, and empowerment. In that spirit, we wanted to highlight the music of French composer and organist Louis Vierne (1870-1937) whose life was marked by tragedy, hardship, and disability, in our service today. Vierne is one of the most celebrated organists and composers of all time, playing concerts around the world and serving as the principal organist at Notre Dame de Paris from 1900 until his death.

Vierne was born prematurely and suffered from congenital cataracts, leaving him almost completely blind from birth. Despite this, he showed a remarkable talent for music from an early age and began studying piano and organ at the Paris Conservatoire at age seven. Vierne's blindness made his career as an organist particularly challenging - he had to rely on his exceptional aural skills to learn and memorize his repertoire, and often had to rely on assistants to help him navigate unfamiliar spaces, pull stops on the organ, and notate his compositions. In addition to his blindness, Vierne's life was marked by other struggles and setbacks. He suffered from chronic health problems throughout his life and endured a series of personal tragedies, including the deaths of two wives and two sons. Despite these challenges, Vierne continued to compose and perform, leaving behind a rich legacy of works for the organ that explore the heights and depths of humanity and the divine.

Today's postlude, composed in 1930, is known for its technical brilliance, emotional intensity, and striking use of jazz-inspired harmonies. Vierne was known to be fascinated with American jazz music, and it is believed that this influence can be heard throughout *Symphony No. 6*. While the work is firmly rooted in the tradition of French organ music, with its grand chorale themes, complex counterpoint, and virtuosic pedal writing (with rapid scales at the end), there are several moments where Vierne incorporates jazz harmonies and rhythms in surprising ways.

The text of *Ubi Caritas* is based on a passage from the Gospel of John, where Jesus tells his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The hymn goes on to celebrate the power of love and the way in which it can bring people together in unity and harmony. It also speaks to the universal human desire for connection and community and is a powerful reminder of the enduring message of love that lies at the heart of the Christian faith.

Now the Green Blade Riseth celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a particular focus on the image of spring - the wheat rising from the ground as a symbol of the resurrection. The hymn has a rich history, having been inspired by an ancient French carol and adapted as a poetic retelling of the Easter story, speaking to the joy and wonder of the resurrection, and of the hope and new life that it brings. One of the most striking features of the text is the way in which it combines the themes of death and resurrection - acknowledging the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, yet celebrating the hope and new life that come with the resurrection. The imagery is a powerful symbol of this transformation, reminding us that even in the darkest moments of life, there is always the possibility of new beginnings.



Rev. Dr. Velda Love

Minister for Racial Justice,
Justice and Witness Ministries of
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Save the Date!

Sunday
April 16, 2023
Guest Preacher



Join us April 23 - May 24 for "Seasons," an intergenerational series that explores the stages, or seasons, of life from childhood through older adulthood, illustrated by the story of David. His life, chronicled in the Bible, provides a unique opportunity to explore a complete life through scripture and will help illustrate our own life explorations.

This one-of-a-kind series is for all ages and provides events and activities for everyone. Each week features a different 'season' of life and includes three, stand-alone events.

- Sunday 10 a.m. sermons introduce scripture and themes
- Sunday 11 a.m. interactive discussions delve deeper into meaning and context
- Wednesday 7 p.m. hands-on, fun events for experiential explorers

No registration is required. Come to one or come to many. You can attend as many or as few as you want! For more information, contact Pastor Keith at 402-391-0350 or keithh@countrysideucc.org.