



Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

Diane Hill

Hearing God's Word

Confirmation Sunday

(see the Congregation Words of Welcome on the back)

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

Choral Reflection:

Here I Am, Lord - arr. Craig Courtney

Scripture:

I Samuel 17:1-11

Diane Hill

Reflection

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Musical Meditation:

The Greatest Love of All - Whitney Houston

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn:

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Forever Young - Bob Dylan

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude:

On a Clear Day - Burton Lane / Alan Jay Lerner

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
Julia Olynyk, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ
Steve Gomez, bass

April 30, 2023

"I Am Able"

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron



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.

2023 Confirmands:

Samuel William Bowman

Chloe Grace DiPrima

Irene Rebecca Jones

Ethan Curtis O'Leary

Mirabel Lucille Palmer

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by the Wadhams family
in memory of Daniel.

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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 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!

We are very excited to welcome our Confirmands to full church membership today! We are so grateful they have decided to join Countryside and continue to grow in their faith and participation with us! Huge thanks also to Rebecca Morello, Emma Boyd for their leadership, and to Jeremy Wadhams, Cindy Cronn, and Kathy DeBoer who mentored these Confirmands throughout the process.

CONCERNS:

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

Dick (Pat) Galusha had a fall last week. He is doing well but would appreciate your prayers.

Doug (Kari) Krenzer has been dealing with many complications following a bone marrow transplant to treat his leukemia. While the leukemia is now thankfully in remission, the complications from the transplant have been severe. Please keep Doug and Kari in your prayers as they navigate Doug's current hospitalization and illnesses. A public prayer vigil for Doug is being held at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 2 at 6 pm if anyone would feel moved to attend.

Ann (Kevin) Naylor's surgery was successfully completed on Tuesday, April 25th. Please hold the Naylor's in your prayers and lift Ann up for healing.

Jo Poole died on April 18, and her life was celebrated on April 22. Please keep her children, their families, and her friends in your prayers.

We pray weekly for the Pastoral Search Committee, as they continue in their discernment towards calling Countryside's next Settled Pastor. We want them to feel our support as they carry on with their good work!

We continue to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee, 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!

Congregational Words of Welcome

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,

create persons in your own image

and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be your servants in the service of others,

to proclaim the gospel to all the world and to resist the powers of evil

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

your presence in trial and rejoicing,

and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.