

## Order of Worship

### Gathering

Prelude:

*Seven Steps to Heaven* - Miles Davis

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Bruce Blanchard

Musical Offering:

*Praise to the Lord* - Lauran Delancey

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

† Hymn #288 (vs. 1-4):

*O God of Vision*

Scripture:

Matthew 6:13-20

Bruce Blanchard

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

*Peace Train* - Yusuf / Cat Stevens

### Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

† Hymn:

*In Christ There is No East or West*

(music on the back)

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude:

*Everyday People* - Sylvester Steward

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

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*August 27, 2023*

*My Confession*

*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.

Adam Witte - Alex Ritter, handbells

Julia Olynyk vocals - Matt Wallace, sax

Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

## Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers are given today by Deb and John McCollister

in honor of Jeff McCollister's birthday and

Lauren McCollister and Dan Ledger's Twentieth Anniversary.

## Music notes:

*In Christ There is no East or West* is a radical hymn, in ways that weren't necessarily evident upon its writing, which happily prevented it from being cast aside and lost. It takes its opening idea from Rudyard Kipling's famous lines, "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," and is a strong refutation of the triumphalism and hegemonic imperialism of of the era. While it does retain some vestiges of missionary exclusivism, we can reclaim that notion as "in Christ's teachings, there is no east or west." The text is set to a tune by Harry T. Burleigh, a fundamentally important figure in the development of characteristically American music. Burleigh compiled and arranged many historic African American spirituals and work songs, and codified them into the classical music cannon by introducing them in academia where they became popular staples in vocal repertoire.

# 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](mailto:sarahrj@countrysideucc.org)

## JOYS:

*Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!*

Congratulations to **Rick MacInnes**, who's been named Chair of the Tri-Faith Initiative Board of Directors. We're thankful to have a Countrysider serve in such an important position with Tri-Faith! We also give thanks for the other Countryside representatives on the Board: Keith Herron, Trish Hoffman-Ahrens, Mark Stursma, and Nancy Behringer.

**Sarah Long Steiner** had successful surgery on Wednesday to repair a foot fracture. She'll be in a boot for a while, but is on the mend and feeling well.

**Larry Weiss** has completed his radiation therapy for his lung tumor. He and **Mary Jo** are so grateful for the continued support of all their friends at Countryside!

## CONCERNS:

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

**Autumn (Matt) Cox** is having stomach and diaphragm surgery on Monday, August 28th. This is the 4th attempt to make repairs in 3 years. With a challenging recovery ahead, they appreciate your prayers for healing & all the support from everyone.

*We continue to pray weekly for the Pastoral Search Committee, as they continue in their discernment towards calling Countryside's next Settled Pastor. We appreciate all the time and effort the PSC is putting into this process, and we continue to hold them in prayer.*

## IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

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1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly  
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er  
4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.  
4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.