

May 15, 2022 Senior Sunday The Meaning of Love Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music: Come Rain or Come Shine - Mercer / Arlen

> Words of Welcome Dan Loven-Crum

> > Examen

Call to Worship
Mary Johnston

Musical Reflection:

Many Gifts, One Spirit - Allen Pote

Hearing God's Word

Graduating Senior Recognition

Scripture:

John 13:31-35

Mary Johnston

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey

Musical Meditation:

Stand by You - Rachel Platten

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey

Hymn:

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Countryside Blessing Marcia Blum

Postlude:

Count on Me - Bruno Mars

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

C4 - Bruce Blanchard, director
Julia Olynyk, vocals - Rick Avard, piano
Alex Ritter, organ - Matt Wallace, sax
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

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.

Graduating Seniors 2022 High School

Ellie Anglim	Natalie Gettman	Jay O'Leary
Hailey Baca	Abbey Hess	Katherine Paleogos
Isaac Barchus	Virginia Holtzclaw	Madilyn Siebler
Brenton Bauer	McKenna Hornacek	Joe Stanek
Mallis Bonner	Sam Jackson	Zoe Streeter
Christian Cole	Ella Krause	Matt Stursma
Ava Fehr	Paul Kuyper	Kidus Tewodros
Mitchell Fehr	Liz Luehrs	Jordan Tipton
Maya Foral	Zola Madson	Ava Van Gelder
Micah Gass	Gretchen Nelson	Christian Vihstadt
Josephine Gettman	Maggie Nikunen	Braden Yannone

University

Emma Boyd, Will Carnazzo, Tyler Gruttemeyer,

Many Gifts, One Spirit - Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice. O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O, God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

O, God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow.

Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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:

Thank you to **Will Carnazzo** and all the hard work he has done at Countryside over the last few years. His last day with Countryside was May 10. He graduates from University of Nebraska at Omaha this May and then is headed to Lincoln to get his teaching certificate. Congratulations Will!

CONCERNS:

Curtis Bryant and his partner, **Sonja Tvtisch**, ask for prayers for healing and for her complete recovery from inflammatory breast cancer. Prayers of comfort and peace for Curtis, too, as he continues to care for Sonja during this time.

Martha Hoig's 19-year old grandson, Braden Pearson, has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is receiving treatment at MD Anderson. Please pray for the strength, courage and healing Braden needs as he deals with his diagnosis and treatment.

Ann Burdette is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. Please pray for a complete recovery for Ann. She has requested no phone calls or visitors while she recovers.

Deb Hickman had a total knee replacement on April 21 and is having a difficult recovery. Please pray for her pain relief, comfort and full recovery from surgery.

Sharon and Rick Royers's nephew, Michael Clouthier, continues to recover from brain surgery on April 7. He is making good progress but has many hard weeks of physical therapy ahead. Prayers for strength and for continued progress on his road to recovery.

Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss, Larry's evaluation by the transplant team to be accepted for transplant begins next Monday the 16 and goes through Thursday the 19. Please pray for a successful evaluation and that he is approved for a lung transplant.

Ardy Stultz is almost done with radiation treatment for breast cancer. The chemo she went through has done some damage to her heart. Please pray that her treatments are successful and that she recovers not only from breast cancer but from the health effects the treatments have added.

Please continue to pray for **Mike (Jan) Brown** as he continues to undergo chemotherapy for Multiple Myeloma. He is now halfway done with chemo on the third of four chemo treatments—he is scheduled for his bone marrow transplant in July. Please pray for for Mike's comfort and strength as he continues these treatments that are starting to take a toll on his body and for a long remission for Mike at the end of these treatments.

MEMORIALS:

John (Amy) Kampfe's mother, Sally, passed away on Sunday. Please lift the Kampfe family in prayers of love, comfort and peace.

God of Many Names,

Thank you for light and warmth. Thank you for the sun. Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons. Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now. Amen

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Kathleen Samland. In honor of Todd Samland's sixtieth birthday!