

July 31, 2022
Rev. Don Sarton

Hospitality: A Connection of Love!

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

C Major : J.S. Bach BWV 545

Words of Welcome / Announcements

Rev. Don Sarton

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron Introduction

Hymn #284 (vs. 3-4)

Gather Us In

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Mike Bonner

Baptism—Levi Charles Podlesak

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Scripture:

Mark 6:6-13, Luke 7:36-39, 44-50

Teri D'Agostino

Reflection

Hymn #490

Servant Song

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Don Sarton

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Don Sarton

Anthem

We'll Shout and Give Him Glory, arr. Mack Wilberg

Countryside Blessing

Pam Kregg

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Summer Choir - Tyler Gruttemeyer, director
Rick Avard and Alex Ritter, Keyboards

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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.

Countryside welcomes Rev. Dr. Keith D. Herron as Intentional Interim Minister.

An ordained UCC minister and certified in both Interim Ministry and Intentional Interim Ministry, Keith brings deep experience in helping congregations prepare for a new, settled minister. He'll also help lead worship and support pastoral care.

Keith and his wife, Wanda, live in Lawrence, Kansas. They have two adult children, Ben and Alex, and two granddaughters.

He's served as pastor for more than 25 years, most recently as interim pastor for churches in Missouri and Illinois. He holds a doctorate in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

"Keith is a facilitator," said Interim Minister Search Committee member Pam Kregg, "not an authoritarian. He's a good listener and has a calming presence. He'll be able to foster meaningful conversations to prepare the congregation for our next called senior minister."

Keith has a progressive theology and believes being free to be your real, authentic self is essential to faith development.

He's a prolific writer of social, ethics and religious articles and commentary. His most recent major work is "Living a Narrative Life: Essays on the Power of Stories" (Smyth & Helwys, 2019).

Keith begins his ministry with us on Aug. 8.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Rick and Cathy MacInnes in honor of the baptism of their grandson, Levi Charles Podlesak. Levi is the son of Amy and Dan Podlesak.

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

JOYS:

Good news! **Mike (Jan) Brown** was able to return home Wednesday after two weeks at the Buffett Cancer Center's Specialty Care Unit. The stem cell transplant appears to have been successful, and he'll have labs done on an ongoing basis to check that the good cells are populating well in his blood. He's received a medication to protect him from Covid for a few months, until he's able to catch up on his vaccinations. Mike, Jan and their family are so grateful to their Countryside friends who've offered many prayers, cooked meals, made outdoor visits, and checked in! They've felt very loved and supported. Please continue to pray for Mike's improved strength and health in the coming months. Thank you!

CONCERNS:

Mark Draper is currently at UNMC undergoing many tests to determine the causes of some recent health complications. Please pray that his care team receives good information and helpful guidance. Please also pray for **Roxanne Draper** and their entire family as they navigate this time.

Thank you for continued prayers for **Leslie Summers-Day's** mother, Suzanne, and brother, Dave, as they continue to battle cancer.

Johnna Roberts asks for prayers for her husband, Greg, and for his health. He's very weak, falls often and has been diagnosed with early dementia. They're working on getting him into a VA-affiliated facility in Omaha, but may end up in Council Bluffs or Lincoln. The process of contacting facilities and filling out VA forms has prompted them to get their affairs in order and is exhausting. Johnna also asks for prayers for the strength and energy to be his advocate.

Sharon and Rick Royers's nephew, Michael Clouthier, is tolerating his radiation treatments well. He appreciates the continued prayers and support.

Mary Sutton's niece, Liz, has been doing very well, but feeling the effects of the chemo the last few days. She has the new stem cells and now we have to pray that they do their job. Pray for this strong woman and for the many who love and support her.

Molly Anderson's brother-in-law, Tim, and his wife, Jody, continue to grieve the unexpected loss of their son, Jason, 43, who died from a sudden heart attack. Please continue to lift this family in prayers of love and comfort.

Kathy DeBoer has asked for prayers as she has tested positive for Covid. She reports that she has fever, splitting headache, body aches, nausea, coughing and is just miserable. Please pray for Kathy and a quick return to health.

Prayers for everyone dealing with Covid. We pray for everyone's comfort and for all those who have Covid to recover completely.

MEMORIALS:

Phyllis Miller passed away on July 20. A visitation was held Wednesday, July 27, and her funeral on July 28. Please pray for the peace and comfort of her family as they walk this journey. Please lift them in your prayers and love.

Shelly (Dave) Boyd's mother, Ellen Shaw, passed away on July 8. She is also grandmother to **Emma Boyd**. Her service was held Wednesday, July 13, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please pray for the Boyd family for the strength and comfort they need as they grieve the loss of their dear mother and grandmother, Ellen.

Our prayer today asks for God's help to remind us to be kind and to grow in God's love.

God of Many Names, help me to demonstrate kindness everywhere I go. Remind me to share smiles, share friendship, and spread kindness today and always. Amen

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!