

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

March on the Old Hundred Psalm Tune -
Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome / Announcements
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron / Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Diane Hill

Musical Reflection:

Like Him We Rise - Tom Trenney

Hearing God's Word

Baptism:

Luke Gregory Martin son of
Katie and Joel martin

Scripture:

Luke 14:25-33

Diane Hill

Musical Reflection:

Great Is thy Faithfulness - arr. Tom Trenney

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

In My Life - John Lennon / Paul McCartney

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn #47:

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn 606:

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Countryside Blessing

John Kampfe

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Justin Payne, vocalist

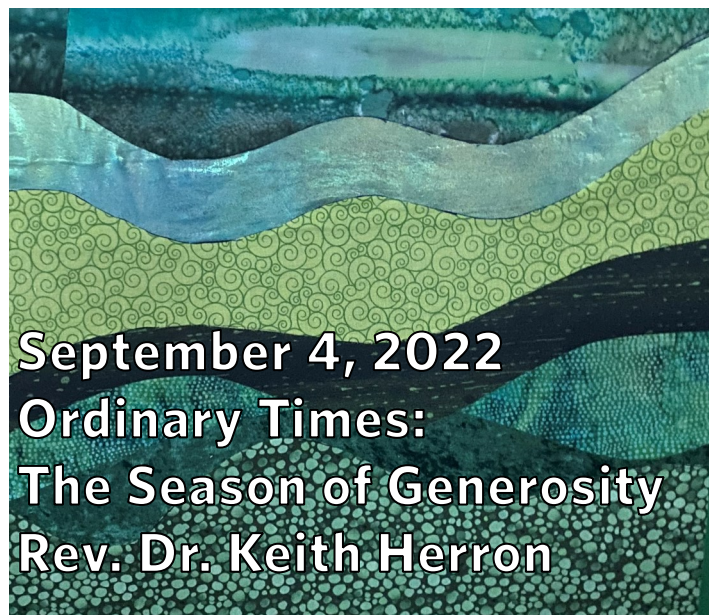
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Countryside Community Church

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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.

What's Happening at Countryside

Bible Study with Don Sarton: Christian Faith and Diversity

This 6-week series, beginning on the season's first Recharge on Wednesday, September 14, explores our Christian faith, values, and beliefs to discover how we can deepen our commitments. We'll discuss how the Bible, written in ancient times by authors rooted in different cultures, shapes our faith today. Through the lens of our Christian faith, we'll begin to articulate how deepening our own faith enables us to enhance our Christian relationships with our Tri-Faith partners through embracing diversity and pluralism.

One exciting outcome will be a shared development and definition of the basic values and the Vision of God that calls us into relationship with our Tri-Faith partners. Please register at www.countrysideucc.org/register!

Recharge Impact Speaker John McCollister

Senator John McCollister presents *The Nebraska Unicameral: Unique in Every Way*, Wednesday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m., in the Common Grounds Coffee Shop. Known for his independent voice, McCollister's issues include climate change, immigrant rights, public education, gun reform social safety net, unions and gerrymandering.

Nebraska Festival Singers

Countryside is proud to present the Nebraska Festival Singers (NFS) inaugural concert on Saturday, September 10 at 6 p.m. Dr. Marques Garrett, artistic director of the Omaha Symphonic Chorus, will conduct this free concert. The NSF ensemble features music educators from across the state and will feature an eclectic mix of music by Nebraska and Black Indigenous People of Color composers. Please join us for this exciting premier!

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:

Luke Gregory Martin, son of Katie and Joel Martin, was born May 10, 2022 and will be baptized today. Congratulations!

Thank you for the quick healing of **Roger Waible's** surgery so he could sing with Bee Hive last Sunday! What a treat to have such talent at our church!

CONCERNS:

Prayers for **Jim (Karen) Follon** as he continues to recover from pneumonia. He is getting better but would like prayer for complete healing from pneumonia he has been battling.

Please lift **Sally Classen** in prayers of love and healing. Please pray for her medical team as well to guide them to help Sally recover to full health.

Please pray for **Mark Draper** as he rests and recovers. He is now at Madonna and getting around with a walker and sleeping and eating great! Please pray for his continuing recovery.

Mike (Jan) Brown continues to progress in the right direction although some days it is still very difficult. Please continue to pray for his continued recovery and success.

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. Please pray for comfort and strength for Greg and for Johnna as they work through this new diagnosis together.

MEMORIALS:

Rick (Sharon) Royers's mother, Mary C. Royers, passed away on August 28. Her funeral was held Friday, September 1, in Dayton, Ohio. Sharon said she passed peacefully in her favorite chair in her home.

Pat Smith's daughter-in-law, Laurie (Carey Smith) Kozeny passed away on August 23, after a 3-year battle with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Pat would like us to be aware that this disease is so rare that there is hardly any funding for research and the pain was very intense for Laurie. Only two states offer large enough doses of pain medicine to help battle the pain that comes with the disease and unfortunately, Nebraska was not one of them. Laurie's Celebration of Life will take place Sunday, September 25.

God of Many Names, we ask that you give us a strong sense of your spirit in our church. We ask that you fill our hearts with all that you are and direct us in ways that we are always living in your will. We ask that you bless us in our direction and point us toward how we can do more in you, We ask that when people enter our church, they feel you all around them. We ask that we remain hospitable to each other and to outsiders, and we ask for your grace and for your continued blessings on the ministries in our church.

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!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Norman Pavey.