

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

So What - Miles Davis

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Emma Boyd

Examen

Emma Boyd

Call to Worship

Pam Kregg

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Musical Reflection:

Money - Roger Waters

Scripture:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pam Kregg

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

The Last Words of David - Randall Thompson

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Simple Gifts

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn #595:

Be Thou My Vision

Countryside Blessing

David Ried

Postlude:

Money reprise

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director

Julia Olynyk, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax

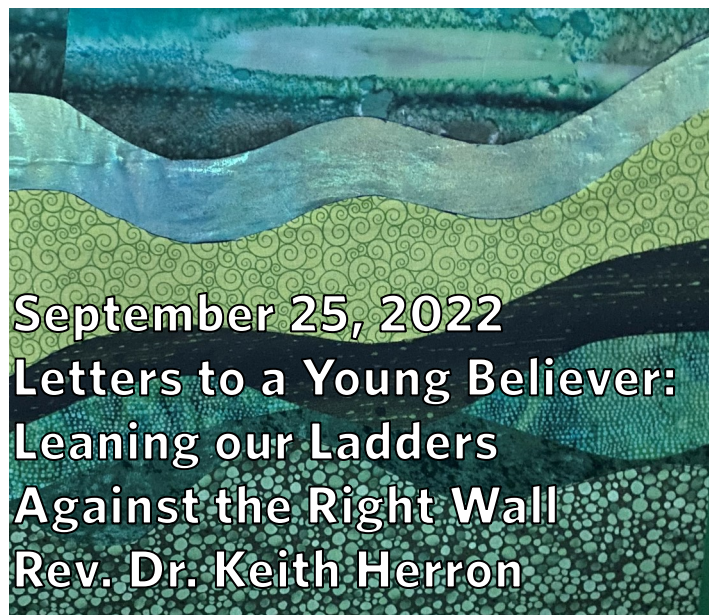
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ

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.

Music notes:

Pink Floyd's *Money* is sometimes misunderstood as a tribute song to money, but their intention was actually to highlight the bad things that money can bring, paraphrasing part of Paul's letter to Timothy. The original recording was notable for its use of a tape loop to use sound effects in sync with the music. A cash register sound took twenty feet of tape meticulously cut with razor blades and reassembled with splicing tape.

The Last Words of David, one of Randall Thompson's most famous works, sets text from Second Samuel to music with an extraordinary dramatic musical interpretation. It speaks to the kingdom of God and the leadership of God's people bringing forth new life 'just as the sun and rain call forth life from the earth.' These sentiments point to a messianic vision, ultimately to Christ, as no human ruler would measure up. That said, David's words do point to a model for us to follow in leadership and in life, and there is a direct through line from those words to this morning's scripture which points to gratitude and generosity in service to God's work in the world. Lest we think David exemplified any of this, it is worth noting these are the second to last words of David that appear in scripture. His actual last words on his deathbed are instructions for his son Solomon to kill an old and helpless enemy - more in line with his mobster style of rule.

The text of *Be Thou My Vision* dates from the 8th century, and the music originated in medieval Ireland. Irish nationalism is to thank for the prevalence of this hymn today. During the early 1900s, there was a movement to rediscover Irish contributions to world history and culture, and two scholars, Mary Byrne and Eleanor Hull translated the Old Irish poem into English and set the text to the tune *SLANE*. Ever since it has been one of the most popular hymns.

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:

Mark Draper was back at Countryside last week running the Pastoral Search Committee. We are grateful for his leadership and that he is back and feeling better!

CONCERNS:

Matt Stursma has been in the hospital with severe nausea and vomiting. He was diagnosed with a vestibular (balance) issue last week but with his severe uptick in vomiting and not being able to eat or drink since Sunday night, the doctors are trying to figure out some other issues. Please pray for Matt, for his health to return, for his doctors to help guide them to find out what is causing his issues and for his family as they comfort him during this time.

Leslie Summers-Day would like to thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy at the passing of her mom, Suzanne. She asks for continued prayers for her brother, who is battling cancer.

Please pray for **Mike (Jan) Brown**. Please pray for a successful outcome from the stem cell transplant for Mike and that he stays healthy through the next phase of treatment.

Please lift **Sally Classen** in prayers of love and healing.

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.

God of Many Names,

Life is complicated and busy, sometimes things move so fast I find myself falling short of the love you've given me to pass on to others. Help me not to allow the noise and pace of life to cause me to forget the essential thing in life: love you and love others. May I always remember the love you've shown to me and love the people in my life through me.

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!