

December 25, 2022

Light in a Dark  
Place:  
The Face in the Sky



## Order of Worship

### Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Roger Waible

### Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

† Hymn: #148: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10

Roger Waible

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation

### Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

*Christ Child Lullaby, Gaelic Carol*

Wanda Herron

Pastoral Prayer / † Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

† Hymn: #155: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Blessing

Ed Schwartz

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

Wanda Herron, soprano

Alex Ritter, organ / piano

## 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.

## Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Cathy and Rick MacInnes

In loving memory of Charles "Mac" MacInnes.

## 2022 Contribution Deadline

Please remember to submit your final contributions for 2022 to the church before the end of the year. The IRS looks closely at charitable giving, and we want you to understand that in order for your contribution to be deductible in 2022, your contribution must be postmarked or physically received at the church office by December 31, 2022. Please note that your check date alone will not control which year your contribution applies to.

# 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 the Office at 402-391-0350 or [office@countrysideucc.org](mailto:office@countrysideucc.org)*

## JOYS:

From **Karen Follon**: Thank you to Rev. Don Sarton, Mary Watke, the Agape members, Countryside Jazz Musicians, the office staff Kris Hill and Steve Gomez, and anyone else who helped present the celebration of Jim Follon's life on Sunday, December 18. Jim loved life. He loved people. He loved music. He loved Countryside. You told his story. You made it perfect. Karen Follon, Stacey Follon and Jamie Follon Welsh.

**Greg (Johnna) Roberts** is home from the Westgate facility and is doing much better. Please pray for his continued recovery.

## CONCERNS:

Please pray for **Don and Bev Sarton**. Bev's favorite nephew was found dead in his home. And continue praying for Don's friend Rev. David Van Heyningin who is recovering from a head injury.

Continued prayers for **Doug Dushan**. The shot he received in his eye last Friday is reversing some of the rapid erosion of his vision he was experiencing late in the week. He is headed to the Iowa Eye Institute for more answers. Prayers for Doug's medical team as well.

Mark (Lennie) Jefferson has been suffering from Parkinson's Disease and was admitted to the Harper Hospice House. Their daughter, Kim Justus, is requesting prayers.

**Tom Scates and Ann Huxtable-Scates** want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during their daughter Kaitlan's continued recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Chris Gilmore's** friend Brian. Since his first cancer diagnosis, he has also been diagnosed with a separate cancer. He will have a biopsy this week.

**Karen Fenne** has healed from surgery and had a course of radiation treatments. She will be consulting with her doctor to start the next step on the journey. She is thankful for the connection the online streaming provides on Sunday mornings.

Uplift in prayer **Molly Anderson's** brother, Jim Hanson. He is awaiting some test results. And pray for Molly and Mitch Anderson as they move from their house of many years to a new home in this blustery, stormy weather.

Continue prayers for **Pat Walstrom**. The terrible pain in her lower back and down her hip has only slightly improved but she is alert and very communicative. Her voice is strong and she is no longer expressing any desire to die. Based on X-rays, her doctor was pretty confident she has a pinched nerve in her lower spine. He referred her to a neurosurgeon.

**Sally Classen** is doing as well as expected. She has bad arthritis and her infection is gone for now but tends to return. Please pray for her comfort.