

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude: *Speak No Evil* - Wayne Shorter
Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements
Dan Loven-Crum

Examen
Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship
Mark Ware

Hearing God's Word

Baptism:
James Francis Harrison son of
Jocelyn and Ross Harrison

Children's Church
Rebecca Morello

Musical Meditation:
You've Got a Friend - Carole King

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121*
Mark Ware

Reflection
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Poetry:
The Journey - Mary Oliver
Carlos Figueroa

Choral Reflection:
Psalm 121 - Heather Sorenson

Responding to God's Word

Communion
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn #67:
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

The Basket
Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Poetry:
The Hill We Climb - Amanda Gorman

Countryside Blessing
Pam Kregg

Postlude:
Lean on Me - Bill Withers

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

* Psalm 121 adapted by Nan Merrill.

March 5, 2023
Go-You-Forth



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.

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director

Julia Olynyk, vocalist - Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano
Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

UCC Devotional

A devotional from the UCC stillspeaking Daily Devotional. The full article is posted on the Church website.

"This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

This sage advice, lifted from Shakespeare's Hamlet, is far too often overlooked and neglected. Our instincts are usually to play to the crowds and the cameras. Validation from the public is often the most important validation that many of us seek. Public approval is a tremendous ego booster.

What we often forget is that self-examination is much more critical than the critique of others. When cameras are off and when crowds have dispersed, we must still live with ourselves. And if our lives are to be enhanced by any decent degree of personal peace, we must even come to like ourselves.

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

JOYS:

A big thank you to the poetry enthusiasts in our congregation who came together to help curate meaningful and relevant poems for our Lenten worship series. This group included **Judy Waible, Marcia Free, Sharon Royers, Rita Otis, and Deb Hickman.**

CONCERNS:

Bob Hallquist is feeling much better and may be released from Methodist Hospital shortly. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Join in prayers for **Andy Smith** who was admitted to Methodist Hospital. Continued prayers for **Marylenn Smith**. She isn't doing very well and is at home.

Please pray for **Jodie Nichols's** niece Steph and Joseph. She is having a very difficult first pregnancy.

Please pray for **Kari Walters** that she may find the support she needs at this time.

Pat Walstrom has had a couple of falls and most recently broke her finger. She continues to be in a lot of pain. She will see her doctor again in March. Please pray for pain relief for Pat and pray that she has no more falls.

Penny Ried Thelen has been diagnosed with liver failure and is in palliative care at Marquis Place in Elkhorn. She is the daughter of **Gloria Ried** and the sister of **David Ried**. Please pray for Penny and her family.

Margaret Hayford had hip surgery to repair torn tendons from a fall. She received a great report from her doctor last week and continues to improve. She has been told to "stay the course." She and Tim are appreciative of the food deliveries and the prayers.

Rodge Bickerstaff is home in hospice. Please pray for both Rodge and his wife Kathie during this very difficult time.