

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude: *Christe, aller Welt Trost,*
(*Christ, The World's Comfort*) BWV 670 -
J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship:

For Solitude - John O'Donohue

Dave Lundblad

Hearing God's Word

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

Choral Reflection: *The Lord is My Shepherd* -

Howard Goodall

Scripture: Psalm 23*

Dave Lundblad

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Poetry: *Fire* - Judy Brown

Sharon Royers

Choral Reflection:

None Other Lamb - Craig Courtney

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Hymn: *Christus Paradox*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Poetry: *Pax* - D.H. Lawrence

Sharon Royers

Countryside Blessing

Molly Atchison

Postlude: *Psalm Prelude no. 3* on "Psalm 23"
vs.4 - Herbert Howells

The postlude is 8 minutes long. Please stay and listen if you have time, but if you need to leave do so quietly for those who wish to remain to listen.

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

* Psalm 23 adapted by Nan Merrill.

March 19, 2023

Everyone Needs a Shepherd



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.

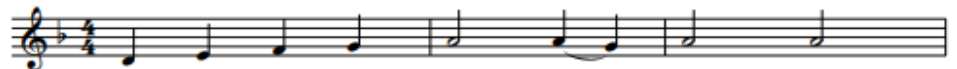
We care for one another, support one another and
challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

We work together to nurture our community and
to promote peace, equality and justice in our conflicted world.

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director

Alex Ritter, organ / piano

Christus Paradox



1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3. You, who walk each day be - side us,
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
Stripped of might up - on the cross,
Sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



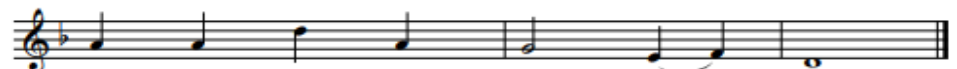
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
Shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry.



Of the way you took and gave.
Beg - gar'd by a sol - dier's toss,
Have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



You, whom we both scorn and crave.
You, who are our gift and cost.
You, who are our pil - grim guide.
You, who are our death and life.

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 who would benefit from prayer, want to share a joy or be included on the bulletin list and or on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

CONCERNS:

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

The Otis family is asking for prayers for their daughter, **Grace Otis** who will be having her 4th surgery on her face after a dog attack almost 2 years ago. We pray for healing after the surgery, both physical and emotional.

Prayers of healing for Tim Anderson, brother of **Molly (Mitch) Anderson**, who needs quadruple bypass surgery. Please pray for the medical staff tending to Tim and hold Molly in your prayers as well.

Rodge Bickerstaff died on Wednesday, March 15. Please pray for his wife Kathie and all who love him during this very difficult time.

Prayers for peace for **Sally Classen** and ask for guidance for her doctors as they provide for her care.

Betsy Lay's mother, Mirian Lay, passed away this week after a time receiving hospice care. Please pray for Betsy and her family during this time of grief.

JOYS:

Please lift prayers of praise for these joys!

Exciting eyeball update from **Doug Dushan!!** He reports: "Doc said he is super perplexed by my case. Said my retinal occlusion was really bad in the scheme of occlusions. But it has actually reversed and mostly healed which shouldn't be possible. Vision is settling in at 20/40." Doug says he appreciates all of the prayers that have been sent for him. What exciting news!

Cal Coats's wife **Linda** is home from the hospital. Cal and Linda thank everyone for their prayers!

Dan and Donna Trombla celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2023! They were married in Lincoln while Dan was in the Navy. Let us join in celebrating with them!

Roger Waible is feeling much better after his second bout with COVID-19. He and **Judy** thank you all for your prayers and concern!

None Other Lamb - Christina Rossetti

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in Heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee!

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor Heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home, but Thee.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Gloria Ried
in memory of Glenn Ried.

Music notes:

We recently sang Sylvia Dunstan's *Transform Us As You, Transfigured*. Today we sing one of her most important hymns *Christus Paradox* -which examines the attributes of Christ that conflict with one another, most notably the paradox of Christ being both a shepherd and the Lamb of God.

Christina Rossetti wrote *None Other Lamb* at a challenging time in her life - both due to her own poor health and deaths of multiple family members. Rossetti was one of the finest devotional poets of the 19th century (*In the Bleak Midwinter* being her most notable work set to music). This poem reflects on the profound love and mercy of God, and in it she reflects on her unworthiness in the face of that love (very similar to Mary Lou William's *Anima Christi* that we heard a few weeks ago).

Herbert Howells wrote a number of choral and instrumental works based on the psalms. He had a deep love of the psalms and turned to them for comfort and inspiration often during the many difficult times in his life. Howells believed that the psalms provided a window into the human soul and had the power to touch and transform people's lives. He wrote a set of Psalm Preludes in 1915, when he had been given six months to live. Although he ended up living until 1983, that context alongside World War One, shaped his interpretation of the fourth verse of Psalm 23. The piece is a deeply introspective and meditative reflection of the message of comfort and protection with a spectacular climax that conveys the line "I will fear no evil."

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