



Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

Maidan Voyage - Herbie Hancock

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

Marcia Blum

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Choral Reflection:

Beloved - Mark Miller

Scripture:

II Samuel 7:1-17

Marcia Blum

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Meditation:

Landslide - Stevie Nicks

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Musical Reflection:

Rise Up -

Cassandra Monique Batie / Jennifer Decilveo

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

The Basket

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Choral Benediction:

May the Road Rise Up to Meet You - Robert Lau

Countryside Blessing

Bob Davis

Postlude:

The Best is Yet to Come -

Cy Coleman / Carolyn Leigh

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

May 7, 2023

"I Am Building"

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron



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, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax

Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, piano

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Music notes on back

Congratulations to our 2023 High School Graduates!

Hugo Bowden - Lance Buscher - Braden Carne

Lilly DiPrima - Lydia Frost - Audrey Krenzer

Auguste Kuehne - Charlotte Murphy - Ava Pugliese

Eva Quam - Gwyneth Weiss - Elaine Wiles

Harper Wood

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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

JOYS:

Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!

Elaine Wiles will graduate from Westside High School in a few short weeks! She has accepted an offer to attend Colorado School of Mines. She invites everyone to join in a celebration of her graduation on May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in Marys' Hall.

CONCERNS:

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

Molly (Mitch) Anderson requests prayers for her good friend John Thein. She asks for prayers for peace for him.

Dick (Pat) Galusha was hospitalized this week. Please keep him and Pat in your prayers for healing.

Doug (Kari) Krenzer has been dealing with many complications following a bone marrow transplant to treat his leukemia. While the leukemia is now thankfully in remission, the complications from the transplant have been severe. Please continue to keep Doug and Kari in your prayers as they navigate Doug's current hospitalization and illnesses.

Ann (Kevin) Naylor's surgery was successfully completed on Tuesday, April 25. Please continue to hold the Naylor's in your prayers and lift Ann up for healing.

Marylenn Smith spent time in Methodist Hospital last week and moved into assisted living at Bailey Pointe at Miracle Hills this week. She is in Room 134 if anyone would like to send a card or pay her a visit. We lift her in prayer for healing and adjustment during this time of transition.

We pray weekly for the Pastoral Search Committee, as they continue in their discernment towards calling Countryside's next Settled Pastor. We want them to feel our support as they carry on with their good work!

Music notes:

Most of our musical selections today come from the intergenerational Spotify playlist that Countryside members compiled on Wednesday night.

Mark Miller is one of our favorite composers at Countryside. Miller's impact on sacred music as a composer, academic, and liturgical musician has been profound and continues to grow, despite the significant barriers he faces as a gay African American. He believes that music can change the world in the spirit of Cornel West's quote "justice is what love looks like in public." Miller wrote both the music and lyrics for *Beloved*. Intended to commemorate graduation, it is written from God's point of view, and is one of my personal favorite pieces of choral music. It combines great text, well-written melody, and compelling harmony to evoke the message of the text in a simple yet profound way.

Beloved

You are my beloved. You are my child. And I will be with you always.
Yes, I will.

When you see the lightning flashes and you hear the thunder roll,
Just remember my promise: peace, be still.

God, go with me. God, stay by me.
Give me comfort through the night, til' the dawn of morning light.

When you sense the storm is passing, and you pause, look to the sky,
through the rain, you'll see the rainbow.

God, go with me. God, stay by me.
Give me comfort through the night, til' the dawn of morning light.

You are my beloved. You are my child. And I will be with you always.
Yes, I will. Yes, I am.