



November 5, 2023

An Open Letter to Those Who Grieve
Reverend Dr. Keith Herron

Countryside Community Church

13130 Faith Plaza | Omaha, NE 68144 | 402-391-0350

countrysideucc.org

Order of Worship 10 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude: *Elegy* - Brenda Portman

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Daron Kruse

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Welcome of New Members

† Hymn #637: *For All The Saints*

Scripture:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Daron Kruse

Reflection:

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron

Choral Reflection: *O Love* - Elaine Hagenberg

Responding to God's Word

Communion

Rev. Dr. Keith Herron / Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Musical Meditation:

Ooh Child - arr. Beth Orton / *Peace* - Horace Silver

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Basket

Musical Reflection: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Countryside Blessing

Kyle Barchus

Postlude: *Toccata* from "Suite Gothique" - Léon Boëllmann

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

C4 Choir - Adam Witte, director

Julia Olynyk, vocals - 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.

New Members November 2023

Amber Deann
Jordyn Vazquez and Kayla Johnson
Jack Jones
Michael Pirnie and Sarah Jones
Christine Kasel
Denise Lenhardt
Randall Nuss and Heather Moran
Christian Perez

Kitty Berg and Tif Pilypaitis
Joe and Vicki Roy
Susan Carter-Rothe
Michael and Kelsey Ryan-Simkins
Jared and Melissa Sharman
Draven Stevenson
Rob Stevenson
Andrea Wright

O Love - Elaine Hagenberg

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.

I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain... that morn shall tearless be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

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 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!

Last Sunday, at least 100 young friends and their families came through our church lobby for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration, followed by a Chili, Mac & Cheese, and Cinnamon Roll lunch and a Spooky Organ Concert! It was a great afternoon of festivities and fun!

CONCERNS:

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

Mark (Roxanne) Draper had hip replacement surgery on November 1 at Methodist Hospital. We continue to pray for him as he heals and recovers.

David (Robyn) Hubbard had eye surgery on November 1 for a macular repair. All went well with the procedure, and he now has the trying assignment of keeping face down for the next week to allow for proper healing. We pray for him and for Robyn during this recovery time!

Deb (John) McCollister will have spinal surgery on November 9. We pray that this provides needed pain relief and that her recovery goes well!

Amanda (Ryan) Underwood will have ankle surgery on November 8. We pray for her and her family as she prepares and we pray for a full recovery!

Pat Smith asks for us to pray for the Quassum family, Darla and Nazam. They have deep personal concerns at home and in Palestine where many of their relatives live. Darla has been singing in our church choir, and Nazam is an active member of AMI.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Trisha Hoffman-Ahrens in honor of the birth of Maren Mae Polk on September 26, 2023, first child of Lindsey and Spencer Polk and her first grandchild.