

May 1, 2022, Earth Day Sunday Daniel Lawse

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music: Improvisation on All Creatures of Our God and King - Brenda Portman

> Words of Welcome Dan Loven-Crum

> > Examen:

Video: False Alarm

Call to Worship
Tom Campbell

Congregational Hymn #22: All Creatures of Our God and King

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment Rebecca Morello

Scripture:

Job 12:7-12

Judy Hartlieb

Reflection:

Daniel Lawse

Musical Meditation: For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer Rev. Norman Pavey

Musical Reflection

Prayer

Daron Kruse

Congregational Hymn #695:

God of the Fertile Fields

Choral Benediction:

Go Ye Now in Peace - Joyce Eilers

Search Committees Update's

Countryside Blessing
Daron Kruse

Postlude:

Toccata Brevis - Daniel Gawthrop

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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.



About Daniel Lawse...

Daniel Lawse (he/him) has been involved with Countryside since back in 2015 when Countryside was discerning whether Tri-Faith was "A new thing" for the congregation. At that time, he was helping with sustainability aspects of building a new church and wrote an article for the church called "A Parable of the Tree". Daniel has amassed an exceptional range of sustainability expertise over a decade of experience. As Verdis

Group's Chief Century Thinker, Daniel brings his passion to cultivate adaptive, regenerative, and resilient solutions for communities and organizations to thrive now and for generations to come. Daniel holds a Master's in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with an emphasis in Energy and Sustainability Planning, and a B.A. in Theology from Creighton University. Daniel's Gallup Strengths are Connectedness, Strategic, Belief, Communication, and Achiever.

For the Beauty of the Earth Lyrics

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise
For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and Moon and stars of light
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild
For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given
Graces human and divine; Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

C4 Choir, Dr. A. Barron Breland, director - Alex Ritter, organ, piano

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 9:30 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 Debbie Vihstadt at debbiev@countrysideucc.org or 402-391-0350 or 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

JOYS:

What a joy to welcome our twelve newly confirmed members into our church last Sunday! What a joy to share with them the responsibilities of membership and to help nurture them in their spiritual growth as we, together with them, all strive to follow God's call to faith and service. Welcome Collin Hassman, Ellie Carnazzo, Ruby Mann, Hannah Miller, Avery Baker, Hudson Foral, Will Cartwright, Leah Pugliese, Beatrice Quam, Sky Radloff, Lily Gutta, and Anika Gutta.

CONCERNS:

Judi Ried passed away, at home on Friday, April 29, surrounded by her husband, David, and their family. Please lift the Ried family in prayers of love, comfort, and peace as they grieve the loss of their beloved wife, mother, daughter and friend.

Martha Hoig's 19-year old grandson, Braden Pearson, has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is receiving treatment at MD Anderson. Please pray for the strength, courage and healing Braden needs as he deals with his diagnosis and treatment.

Ann Burdette is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. Please pray for a complete recovery for Ann. She has requested no phone calls or visitors while she recovers.

Deb Hickman had a total knee replacement on April 21. Please pray for her comfort and full recovery from surgery. **Sharon and Rick Royers's** nephew, Michael Clouthier, continues to recover from brain surgery on April 7. He is making good progress but has many hard weeks of physical therapy ahead. Prayers for strength and for continued progress on his road to recovery.

Brad Carne has asked for prayers for his mother and father Scott and Susan Carne. Please pray for strength for his father while he takes care of his mother, who is dealing with the effects of chemo and radiation. Please lift this family in your prayers while we pray for healing and comfort for his mother, and strength and love for his father as he helps her through her illness. Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss has been diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and has been referred to a transplant team. Please lift Larry in prayer, and pray that he is able to receive a transplant. Please wrap Larry and Mary Jo in your prayers and love. Even though they are miles away, let them feel the love of our Countryside family.

Don (Bev) Sarton had a knee replacement on April 13. Please pray for healing and full recovery from the surgery. Jodie Nichols's 93-year-old mother fell and is in the hospital recovering. Please pray for her comfort and healing. Jodie also has a dear friend, Sandy Taylor, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for Sandy, her family and her medical team as they navigate the next steps she will be taking. Please also pray for her full recovery from breast cancer. Bev (Don) Sarton's daughter Susan has a dear friend who has just been diagnosed with advanced stage breast cancer and asks for prayers of healing and comfort for her.

Don (Bev) Sarton's sister, who turned 93 recently, is on comfort care and hospice. Please pray for a peaceful journey as she and the family prepare for the next stage of her Life's journey.

Ardy Stultz is starting in radiation treatment for breast cancer. Please pray that her treatments are successful and that she makes a full recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Mike (Jan) Brown** as he continues to undergo chemotherapy for Multiple Myeloma. He is now halfway done with chemo and is responding well – he is scheduled for his bone marrow transplant in June. Please pray for a long remission for Mike at the end of these treatments.

MEMORIALS:

Kari Walters's father, George Walters, passed away on Good Friday. Please pray for peace and comfort for her family as they grieve the loss of her father.

Joan (Tony) Snyder, former long-time member of Countryside, passed away on April 21 at the age of 94 in St. Louis, MO. (She and her husband, Tony, moved to St. Louis in 2002. Tony just celebrated his 98th birthday on April 12.)

God of Many Names,

Please help me to use this newly revived springtime season to revive a newness in my heart, my home, and in my life. Help me to be more loving, generous, and thoughtful. As I live day by day, remind me of the beauty of spring, and what new beginnings mean. Place those in my path that need help. Present me with situations where I can support others, teach me what to pray about, and give me insight on when to show compassion. Amen.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Geoff, Pam, Brad, Ben, and Jacob Kregg. In Loving Memory of Julie Kregg - Wife, Mommy, Daughter-In-Law.