



June 12, 2022
Web of Life
Rev. Charlene Wozny

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music:

Take Five - Dave Brubeck

Words of Welcome

Rev. Charlene Wozny

Announcements/Mission Statement

Aubrey Fitzke

Examen

Carlos Figueroa

Call to Worship

Marcia Free

Hymn #687:

In Christ There is no East or West

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:1-27

Marcia Free

Reflection:

Rev. Charlene Wozny

Musical Meditation:

Wave - Antonio Carlos Jobim

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Charlene Wozny

Musical Reflection:

If I Can Help Somebody

Poetry:

The Web of Life - Robert T. Weston

Hymn #494:

They'll Know We Are Christians

Countryside Blessing

Michael Free

Postlude

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.

Music notes:

In Christ There is no East or West is a radical hymn, in ways that weren't necessarily evident upon its writing (which happily prevented it from being cast aside and lost). It takes its opening idea from Rudyard Kipling's famous lines, "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," but writer John Oxenham's intention is the antithesis of Kipling's. It is a strong refutation of the triumphalism and hegemonic imperialism of the era. Hymn scholar Carlton Young writes: "the theme of Oxenham's hymn, one of the most durable hymnic statements of Christian unity in the twentieth century, is from Galatians 3:28: 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ.'" While the text does contain some rhetoric of missionary exclusivism (it was written in 1908 for a missionary conference), in our modern context the focus shifts to centering solidarity with humanity, or thinking of it as 'in Christ's teachings and witness there is no east or west.' The text is set to a spiritual written by famous African-American composer and songwriter Harry T. Burleigh.

They'll Know we are Christians by our Love was written by Peter Scholtes, a Catholic priest from Chicago. According to hymnologist Joshua Taylor, he wrote it because "he could not find a suitable song to accompany a series of ecumenical and interracial events for which the youth choir he led was to sing. Like many songs coming out of the popular folk music of the 1960s, "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" is connected to the societal upheaval of the decade. Alongside popular protest songs like Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind" or Pete Seeger's "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," Scholtes's text connected the faith story of young people disillusioned with the landscape of American culture."

Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocalist - Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano
Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, percussion - Steve Gomez, bass

Our guest minister today is Rev. Charlene Wozny

Charlene grew up in Kansas and moved to Omaha in 1970. She joined Countryside, met her husband and was married in the Chapel at Countryside, almost 50 years ago. Charlene took a round-about path to ministry. Her undergraduate degree was in nursing and she later received a Masters in Counseling and served as the Coordinator of the Adult Day Treatment Program at Immanuel Mental Health Center. She completed her Master of Divinity at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis in 2000. After retirement, Charlene participated on the worship planning committee at Countryside for many years. In addition, she has provided pulpit supply and conducted Clergy Boundary Training Workshops.

Charlene and husband Jim enjoy time with family, especially their three great-grandchildren, and taking their travel trailer to spend time in nature.

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

CONCERNS:

Please pray for **Leslie Summers-Day's** family as they progress through cancer diagnosis and treatments for her mom, Suzanne, and her brother, Dave. May there be peace and comfort.

Mike (Jan) Brown has finished his "induction phase" chemotherapy and is feeling a little better each day. Monday, June 13, is a "restaging of the disease" day of testing at UNMC, including another PET scan and bone marrow biopsy. These assessments will tell us if he may proceed with the stem cell transplant on July 13. Please hold him and Jan in your prayers for Monday's tests.

Nancy Deetz is recovering from a respiratory illness. Please pray for her full recovery and return to good health.

Debbie Vihstadt's father, Gary Osborn, is struggling with a bad case of Covid-19 and is currently at Nebraska Medicine. Please pray for his complete recovery from Covid.

Sharon and Rick Royers's nephew, Michael Clouthier, continues to make progress from his brain surgery on April 7. He has begun working from home and will begin radiation therapy, most likely, in July. Continued prayers for strength, healing and for progress on his road to recovery.

Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss: Larry has not passed the evaluation for a double lung transplant yet, but he's still being considered. He had an ambiguous scan that they want to re-run in 3 months, and he has a to-do list that includes losing some more weight and continuing the exercises they taught him in respiratory therapy to maintain his muscle mass while he loses weight. He has already lost over 30 pounds. Please continue to pray for his acceptance for the double lung transplant.

MEMORIALS:

Ann Burdette passed away on Sunday, May 15. Her funeral was held at Countryside on Thursday, June 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Sara Sellgren passed away on Sunday, June 5. She was a long-time member of Countryside.