

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

Come Rain or Come Shine - Mercer / Arlen

Words of Welcome / Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Call to Worship

Tim Kerrigan

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Musical Reflection:

I Think It's Going To Rain Today - Randy Newman

Scripture:

James 1:2-12

Kathleen Samland

Reflection

Geoff Kregg

Musical Meditation:

Blue Skies - Irving Berlin

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey

Hymn:

We Walk In Love -

Deanna Witkowski / Lemuel Colon

Countryside Blessing

Pam Kregg

Postlude:

Beautiful Love - Victor Young

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Julia Olynyk vocals - Matt Wallace - sax
Rick Avard, piano - Carlos Figueroa, drums
Steve Gomez, bass



October 16, 2022

**Letters to a Young Believer:
Stewardship Sunday**

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:

Reflections on "We Walk in Love" from Deanna Witkowski:

In early 2017, I responded to a call for scores for a new collection of social justice songs being curated by Abbie Betinis, Tesfa Wondemagegnhehu, and Ahmed Anzaldúa. The songs to be selected as part of a new movement called Justice Choir would be offered free of charge for anyone to sing for non-commercial use: at concerts, marches, protests, and in houses of worship.

The idea was to have accessible, easy-to-learn songs that speak into the moment that we are living in now, and to provide opportunities for all to create community by singing together. When I saw a Facebook post from Abbie about the call for scores, I immediately responded by sitting down at the piano. I wrote and harmonized a simple tune in 3/4- not rangy, no big jumps, something that everyone could sing.

Next, I went to my living room couch with a large sketchbook on my lap. I started writing lists of nouns: "love, purpose, voice, compassion, truth, bridge, justice, kindness." Then I pulled out the text to James Weldon Johnson's hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and started adding more nouns: "hope, faith." I began a list of verbs: "dream, stand, fight, cry, walk, join, speak."

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to PDF: <https://songs.justicechoir.org/WeWalk>

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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 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 the Office at 402-391-0350 or office@countrysideucc.org

JOYS:

We celebrate the Baptism of **Jan Benitez, husband of Kelsey Arends**. Jan was baptized Wednesday, October 12.

The Pastoral Care Board has been reaching out to recent graduates and we received the following email:

"Hey there! My name is **Maya Foral**. I just wanted to say thank you so much for the Target gift card and the sweet note! I am currently a freshman at Truman State University in Missouri and I love it here! I am so grateful I have always had Countryside to make me feel safe and give me so many amazing friends! Thanks again!"

CONCERNS:

Johnna Roberts and her husband Greg are grateful for our prayers and ask that we continue. He has been moved to assisted living and is steadily improving. They hope he will be able to return home in the near future.

Please pray for **Dan Loven-Crum's** mother Verona, she had a bad day of lightheadedness on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for her relief from the symptoms of her treatment of multiple myeloma. Give her doctors guidance in understanding the interactions of the drugs causing the lightheadedness.

Please pray for **Matt Stursma** as he continues his journey of healing.

Sally Classen is in recovery in rehab for mobility issues. Please continue prayers of healing for Sally.

Dee Schlautman is at home recovering from major back surgery. Prayers for pain relief as she recovers.

Please pray for **Donna Trombla's** nephew Christopher in California. He had back surgery that left him with some nerve damage and near-constant pain. Please pray that his doctors find an effective treatment soon.

Mark and Connie Ware would appreciate prayers as they recover from Covid.

Doug Dushan family: Please pray for the Dushan family as they recover from Covid.

Pray for **Pastor Keith Herron** as he travels and teaches a workshop at Ghost Ranch the next two Sundays.

Adam Witte's father, Greg Witte, has growths in his brain and around his aorta. The growth in his brain has been biopsied and they are awaiting the results. The one around the aorta cannot be biopsied. Please pray that Adam's father receives a favorable result from the brain biopsy and that a way may be found to biopsy the growth around his aorta.

The Nursery and Coffee House are available if your small human needs to burn off some energy during the Worship. For other small humans, there are Worship bags and books available. If you have a book suggestion, just let us know!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Kim Schwartz.
"Happy Birthday to my husband Ed. The best husband ever!"