

# Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



*Lift Off* by Rev. Nicolette Peñaranda, inspired by Matthew 14:22-23

"Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. (Matthew 14:22)"

## Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.  
Text in **bold** indicates places where the congregation is invited to join in response.

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

†**GATHERING SONG:**      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**Many: the courageous and the fearful,**

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

**Many: the impatient and the reserved.**

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

**Many: the poets and the prophets,**

One: the faithful and the tired,

**Many: the curious and the convicted.**

One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

**Many: there is room for all to gather here.**

One: This is God's house.

**Many: there is room for all to gather here.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, There are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Family of faith, You could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you.

So hear and believe this good news: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **†PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of God be With You

**Many: And also with you.**

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *The Church Where Love Lives* (vs.2)

## HEARING THE WORD

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rebecca Morello

**FIRST LESSON:** Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For God did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;

she did not hide her face from me  
but heard when I cried to her.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before her.

For dominion belongs to God,  
and they rules over the nations.

To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before them shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for them.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that she has done it.

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*You'll Never Walk Alone*

Richard Rodgers

## **SECOND LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## **MESSAGE**

*Rescue Me from Danger*

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CHORAL REFLECTION

*Come Onto Me*

Kevin Uppercue

## TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

The Board of Christian Outreach has chosen Lydia House as the recipient of our February Box donations. Open Door Mission's Lydia House/ Women and Families provides emergency services for single women and families in need of immediate assistance. In addition to food, clothing and services, Lydia House has 300 available beds which are filled to capacity every night. Countryside can help fill this month's great need for diapers. All sizes are welcome, but sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed.

## Prayer of Dedication

**God who calls us by name and rescues us from danger, receive now the gifts of our hands and the blessings of our hearts. Use these gifts to calm our storms and settle our souls that your peace may abide with and within. Amen.**

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Little Blue*

Jacob Collier

## COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

### Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# SENDING

† **SENDING HYMN:** *Across the Sea*

## **BENEDICTION**

Beloved wanderer,  
as you leave this place,  
may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve.  
May you look for God in every face.  
May you find the courage to get out of the boat,  
to run to the tomb,  
and to speak of your faith.  
And when the world falls apart,  
may you hear God's voice deep within,  
saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid."  
You are called.  
You are blessed.  
In both your ups and your downs,  
you always belong to God.  
Go now in peace.  
Go trusting that good news.  
Amen.


## **POSTLUDE**

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Dave Lundblad, liturgist - C4 Directed by Adam Witte  
Tim Strang, cello - Julia Olynyk, vocalist - Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano  
Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

# The Church Where Love Lives

Amanda Udis-Kessler



5 The church where love lives is a safe place for all where we  
church where love lives draws the stran-ger in-side, mak-ing  
church where love lives is pre-par-ing a feast for the



10 ga-ther in won-der to re-mem-ber God's call, to em-bo-dy God's  
neigh-bors of stran-gers, not a neigh-bor den-ied, till there's hea-ven on  
pained and re-ject-ed, for the lost and the least, for the ones filled with



15 vi-sion of kind-ness and care with each song that we  
earth and God's will has been done, till the whole of cre-  
ter-ror and those filled with shame. Come and sit at our



20 of-fer, with each pro-test and prayer. On this sa-cred foun-  
a-tion is re-stored to its home. ta-ble. Love has called you by name.



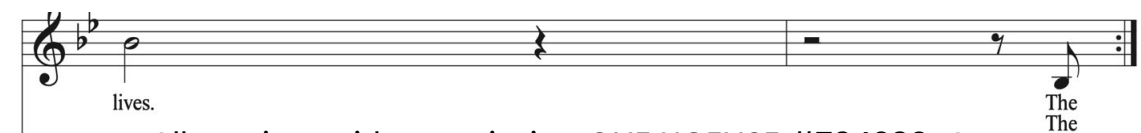
da-tion of faith and of trust we are build-ing a world that is



gen-tle and just. We re-joice and re-pent, off-er praise and for-give




and we wel-come all peo-ple to the church where love

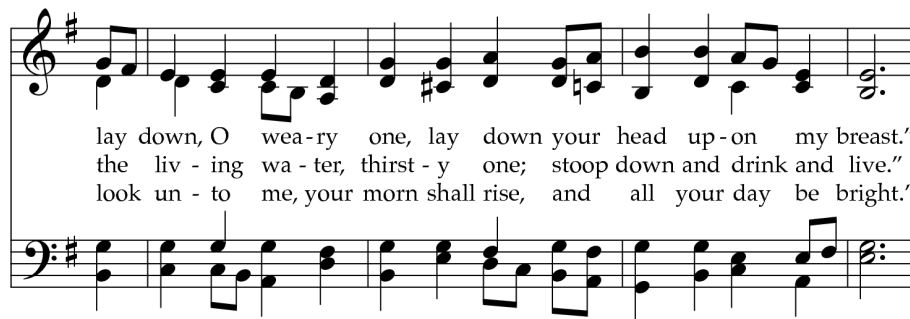


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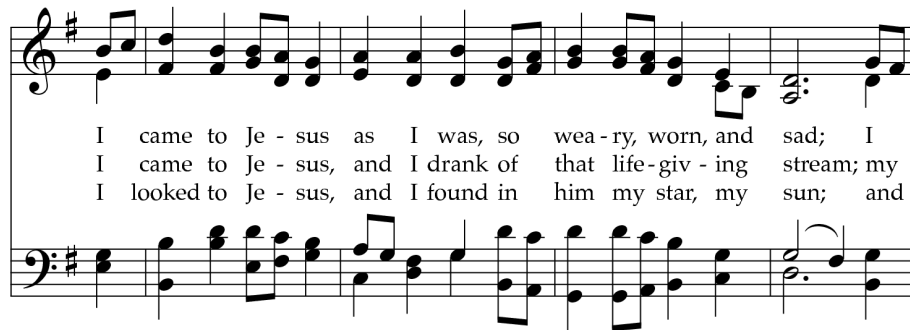
## 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).



*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

2

Here I raise to thee an altar;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, how I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **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*

### **CONCERNS:**

**De Schmieier** appreciates our continued prayers as she continues to receive antibiotic infusions for a kidney infection. She has very little pain but continues to wait for her kidney stone to dissipate and is spending most of her time going back and forth to medical appointments and resting.

### **Sunday Flowers This Week**

Flowers were given today by David Palmer.

# Welcome to Lent!

## **2nd Sunday of Lent: Feb. 25**

### **Worship, 10 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Rescue Me from Danger*

Matthew 14:22-33 / Psalm 22:23-31

## **3rd Sunday of Lent: March 3**

### **Worship, 10 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount*

Matthew 16: 13-20 / Psalm 19

## **4th Sunday of Lent: March 10**

### **Worship, 10 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It*

Matthew 16: 21-23 / Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

## **5th Sunday of Lent: March 17**

### **Worship, 10 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Teach Me*

Matthew 14:22-33 / Psalm 22:23-31

## Holy Week

### **Psalm Sunday: March 24**

#### **Worship, 10 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise*

John 12:12-16

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

#### **Worship, 7 p.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Streams of Mercy*

John 13:1-20

### **Good Friday, Worship, March 29**

#### **Worship, 7 p.m.**

*Wandering Heart: Prone to Leave the God I Love*

John 13:31-38, John 18:1-11, John 18:12-18, John 18:19-27, John 19:1-30

## Easter

### **Easter Sunday: March 31**

#### **Sunrise Service, 7 AM**

#### **Worship, 9 a.m.**

#### **Brunch, 10 a.m.**

#### **Worship, 11 a.m.**

*Wandering Heart: And I Hope*

Luke 24:1-12

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### **Poetry with the Pastor**

Feb. 26-March 25

#### **Mondays at Noon**

Book: *The Hurting Kind*, by Ada Limon

### **Lenten Devotional**

*Wandering Heart:  
Figuring out faith with Peter*

Available in the Narthex for a \$5 suggested donation.

# Spotlight!

Readers Wanted for Services

Stop by the Spotlight Table  
after service!

## Sharing Our Gifts

The Box recipient - Lydia House

- Diapers. All sizes-sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed.

The Basket - Donate

- Support Countryside's ministries

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giving for both the Box and Basket or  
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