



March 6, 2022
Journey to Jerusalem
Rev. Don Sarton

Julia Olynyk, vocalist
Rick Avard, Piano - Alex Ritter, organ
Matt Wallace, Sax
Carlos Figueroa, percussion

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.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music

Words of Welcome / Mission Statement

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Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Carlos Figueroa

Call to Worship

Day by Day - Stephen Schwartz

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27,

1 John 4:7-8, Luke 4:16-30

Rick Macinnes

Reflection:

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Musical Meditation:

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother - Neil Diamond

Responding to God's Word

Communion/Lord's Prayer

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Prayers of the People

Emma Boyd

Poetry:

When There Is No Easy Answer -

Morgan Harper Nichols

Congregational Hymn:

Come, Let Us Dream God's Dream Again

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Don Sarton

Countryside Blessing

Pam Kregg

Postlude

LENT ACTIVITIES

Lenten Journey by walking

The journey to Jerusalem will take place each Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. followed by prayer in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Please join Rev. Judy Waible as she walks Abraham's Bridge every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent. Abraham's Bridge is .25 miles for one round, four times around is a mile. There are a lucky 13 Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent so that would be a little over six rounds every Tuesday/Thursday to get to 20 miles!

Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday

There will be Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary every Tuesday using words or phrases from the Bible. As you breathe in and out, you think the word or phrase which the Spirit has given you, and you continue to do this for the time you have chosen. We will practice this together in the sanctuary on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. during Lent. This practice will be led by Dr. Norman Pavey.

Prayers for the People will happen on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. These will be prayers for the church and for the congregation and any specific prayers people would like to bring to this holy place during this holy time.

Spiritual Practices on Thursday Evenings

On Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent in the Sanctuary there will be special spiritual practices offered.

March 3: Care of the Earth—Earth University Speaker via Zoom and in the Sanctuary

March 10: Pew yoga, breath work, prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary

March 17: Singing bowls, guided prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary

March 24: Organ, hymn, prayer and meditation in the Sanctuary

March 31: Stephen Minister-led Sharing and Caring service in the Sanctuary

April 7: Walking prayer and meditation practice (labyrinth and Abraham's Bridge)

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Joys and Concerns

*One way to nurture our church community is to pray for the members of our church family with both joys and concerns.
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.*

JOYS:

Glenn and Marjorie Phillips would like to announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Amalia Doris, born on February 17. Her parents are Ashley and Brian Gonzales and she joins big sister, Divina.

CONCERNS:

Rick (Shannon) Avard's sister, Jacquie, is had bypass surgery on Tuesday, please pray for her complete recovery and restored health. The **Avards** would also like us to pray for a friend who has lymphoma. Please pray that the doctors determine the best course of treatment for their friend.

Judi (David) Ried is still in the ICU with complications but doing a bit better. She has a lung infection and is working to get stronger so she can go home. David also fractured his foot. Please lift David and Judi in prayers of healing and prayers for answers for what is causing Judi's complications.

Martha Hoig has asked us to pray for a friend whose grandchild was a victim of assault. Please pray for the mental and physical recovery as well as strength and peace for the family and also for God to release the chains of hurt and anger for all those involved.

Gloria (Rich) Mannel is still dealing with a wound on her foot from surgery that is not healing properly. Please pray for her strength to make a complete recovery and that she will be up and around soon.

Doug Dushan is recovering from a shoulder surgery. Please pray for his full recovery and relief from pain.

Please pray for **Ardy Stultz's** friends, Bill and Sandy. Both have a recurrence of cancer and are in chemo treatments. Please pray for healing and good health for Bill and Sandy.

Please pray for **Ardy Stultz** as she continues her chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. Please pray to remove the cancer cells from her body and let her health grow rapidly.

Please pray for **Mike Bonner's** brother, Brian and his partner, Anna, who were able to find refuge in Warsaw after fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Please pray for their Safety and the safety of their friends and Anna's family and for all of those who will have to deal with this senseless war.

Please pray for members of **Countryside** who are silently struggling with physical health, mental, or spiritual issues. Please lift them up in prayer and wrap them in your love.

For the people in Ukraine, until that day when peace shall reign, until that day when enemies stop *"breathing violence"* at the borders of the innocent, let us hold onto the promise that we *"shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living."* On behalf of those who suffer and struggle, we wait and pray and we listen to the psalmist. *"Be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"* - Psalm 27:13-14

MEMORIALS:

Dr. Ronald Roskens, licensed UCC pastor, died on Saturday, February 27, 2022. He was a former member of Countryside Community Church.

FLOWERS ARE BACK!

Have you noticed? For the last few weeks Countryside has had fresh flowers gracing our Sanctuary and altar. HUGE thanks to Kim Schwartz for taking on the job of coordinating this reminder of God's beauty in our world. You can sponsor a week's flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one or of a joyous event. Or just because - FLOWERS! The cost is \$40 and after church you may take your flowers home or have Countryside deliver them to one of our shut-in members. Stop in the church office to sign up!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Jodie Nichols in honor of her family's many March birthdays,
her mother Barb Ford, Tommy, Scott, Mike, Angela, Eloise and Steph.