



March 20, 2022
Journey to Jerusalem
Living Water
Rev. Judy Waible

Emily Wadhams, vocalist
Roger Waible, vocals and guitar
C4 Choir, Dr. A. Barron Breland, director
Brenda Stursma and Trisha Hoffman-Ahrens,
soloists
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ
Steve Gomez, bass

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music

Words of Welcome / Mission Statement

Dan Loven-Crum

Announcements

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Easter Offering; Completely Kids

Lori Shrum

The Box:

Rejuvenating Women

Examen:

Steve Gomez

Call to Worship

Karen Fenne

Musical Reflection:

I Waited For the Lord - Felix Mendelssohn

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Dan Loven-Crum

Scripture:

John 4:5-30, 39-42; John 7:37-38

Karen Fenne

Musical Reflection:

Waters of March - Antônio Carlos Jobim

Reflection

Rev. Judy Waible

Musical Meditation:

Jesus Gave Me Water

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer

Rev. Judy Waible

Musical Reflection:

Verleih uns Frieden - Felix Mendelssohn

Prayers of the People

Emma Boyd

Congregational Hymn:

Guide Me O, Thou Great Redeemer

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:

Waters of March was written by Antônio Carlos Jobim during a heavy rainstorm that turned his ranch into a muddy landscape. In Argentina, the "waters of March" bring about an end to Summer, and despite the ominous nature of Winter, there is a promise of Spring - and new life on the other side. The text emphasizes life's difficulties and life's joys - a collage juxtaposing imagery of both.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah is both a prayer for those going through tough times as well as a celebration of God's providence and love. It juxtaposes a call to action with an abiding sense of God's guidance amidst struggle - utilizing the Exodus story of the Israelites' time in the desert to convey this imagery, which includes references to the God who provides the "bread of heaven" to those walking in "barren lands." The second stanza ties old and new testament scripture together, including today's gospel story. Images of the "fire and cloudy pillar" that the Israelites followed, as well as the "crystal fountain" the rock from which "the healing stream doth flow" - illustrate a God that sustains its people through hunger and thirst. This hymn is simultaneously a prayer for those going through tough times as well as a celebration of God's providence and love.

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.

More Lent Activities on the back:

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:

Val and Brian Newton would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ada June. She joins three-year-old twin big brothers, Liam and Gavin and proud grandparents **Bill and Margie Bolte**.

Thank you to **Ann Huxtable-Scates** for building our beautiful prayer tree outside of the sanctuary.

CONCERNS:

Roxanne (Mark) Draper had back surgery this week. Please pray for her recovery and that the procedure gives her the pain relief she has needed.

Judi (David) Ried is still at Clarkson hospital still dealing with complications. David's fractured foot is still painful and he is looking for a skilled nursing facility to take care of Judi when she is released from the hospital. Please lift David and Judi in prayers of healing and comfort and to help guide David and wrap both David and Judi in your love through this difficult time.

Mike (Jan) Brown was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He started his first of a four cycle chemotherapy treatment on Thursday. He is planning on a stem cell transplant this summer. Please pray for God's healing touch, that this treatment will put him into a long-term remission. Please pray for both Mike and Jan, that they feel God's divine presence for hope and strength through this difficult time.

Mitch (Molly) Anderson fell this week walking their son's dog. He suffered a concussion, broken nose and a few sprains. Please pray for his full recovery and please pray for comfort and relief from the pain he is experiencing after his fall. Please pray for strength for Molly while she cares for her son Andrew, after his fall and broken ankle earlier this year, and for Mitch.

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.

Please pray for **Ardy Stultz** as she moves to radiation treatment for breast cancer. Please pray for her comfort and healing as she enters this next phase of her treatment.

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

Thank you, God.

I dwell upon the goodness in my life. Thank you.

I cherish in my heart, your gift to me. Thank you.

I notice the blessings of life, breath, loving and shring. I am so very grateful.

Thank you, God.

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, please contact Debbie Vihstadt at 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

More Lent Activities:

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 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)

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Gloria Ried
in honor of Glenn Ried's birthday.