

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude:

Chorale - Joseph Jongen

Words of Welcome / † Mission Statement

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

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Examen Meditation:

Holy, Holy, Holy - arr. Ruy Emiliani

Call to Worship*

Acts 2:1-21

Nancy Behringer

Hearing God's Word

† Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Children's Church

Emma Boyd

Choral Reflection:

Come to Us, Creative Spirit - Richard Proulx

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Nancy Behringer

Reflection

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† Hymn:

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(music on back)

Responding to God's Word

Communion

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Musical Meditation:

Orange Dawn - Ian Clarke

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Basket

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† Hymn:

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Countryside Blessing

Chris Gilmore

Postlude:

Toccata in C major - Carson Cooman

*Low Voice = Those who identify with a low voice

High Voice = Those who identify with a high voice

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.

May 28, 2023

The Pentecost Promise:

From Chaos to Clarity in Community

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones



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.

C4 Choir and Bell Choir - Adam Witte, director
Dr. Christine Beard, flute - Alex Ritter, organ /piano

Music notes:

Be sure to check out the intergenerational art installation in the narthex! It is called The Gifts of Pentecost and consists of a series of acrylic-on-canvas paintings done by Countryside members and families.

For the hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*, you are invited to sing on the chorus, and the choir will sing the verses.

It is one of the most compelling contemporary hymn texts on the subject of the Holy Spirit, with modern, captivating allusions derived from scripture. Brian Wren, whose hymns we have sung at Countryside writes: "what a superb text it is. 'Coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep', 'with a law and a land', 'stung with the sand', 'from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams' and many more, are stunning lines of simplicity and depth."

Orange Dawn was written by Australian composer Ian Clarke in 1992. From the composer: "I had recently co-written some tracks based on East Africa for use on Wildlife programmes using bamboo flute and concert flute (amongst other things) using some of the bright-tone and bamboo-tone fingerings... We had been given a brief about the East African rift valley and encouraged to sound non-western. This led to the exploration of different colours."

"The piece was originally inspired by the vision of a dawn scene in the Great Rift Valley of East Africa. Awakened exotic animal life was envisaged silhouetted against a dramatic rising sun. In the opening and closing sections alternative fingerings [extended techniques for the instrument] are used to help create a mysterious earthy quality to the sound."

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 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

JOYS:

Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!

Chris & Rick Gilmore celebrate that their son, Tom, successfully defended his dissertation and received his EdD (Doctor of Education) in Higher Education Leadership from Baker University on May 21. Rick and Chris are so incredibly proud of him! Tom was in COYO and went on many mission trips.

Deb Hickman shares that on April 28, she welcomed a new granddaughter, Oaklyn Lee Hickman. Oaklyn's parents are Brian and Kendra Hickman of Lincoln, Nebraska.

CONCERNS:

Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Shawn Gray was recently diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. He is currently waiting on results that will determine how far it has spread and whether it can be removed or how it will be treated. Please keep him, his wife Julie, and their three young children in your prayers.

This week **Jim (Karen) Follon's** family celebrated his life and honored his military service with his interment in the Omaha National Cemetery. Jim, a long-time Countryside member, was an Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. Quite coincidentally, Jim's was laid to rest next to **Rodge Bickerstaff**, another Countryside member and a fellow golfer of his in the Miracle Hills Monday Morning Golf League.

Dick (Pat) Galusha has been discharged from the hospital and is now at Immanuel Village. Please keep both Dick and Pat in your prayers as they adjust to this new living arrangement.

Doug (Kari) Krenzer died on Monday, May 15, and his funeral was held here at Countryside on Tuesday, May 23. Please keep Kari and children Emma, Peter, Bethany, and Audrey, in your prayers during this time of grief.

Please continue to pray for **Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss** that he will be added soon to the lung transplant list. Mary Jo and Larry will be consulting with the physicians on June 6. Pray that Larry experiences peace and perseverance to live his best life regardless of the news.

We continue to pray weekly for the Pastoral Search Committee, as they continue in their discernment towards calling Countryside's next Settled Pastor. We appreciate all the time and effort the PSC is putting into this process, and we continue to hold them in prayer.

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Jeri and Dave Lundblad.



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness,
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.