



January 7, 2024
Epiphany
Paying Attention
Isaiah 60:1-6
Mark 1:4-11

Order of Worship 10 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

† Gathering Song - Hymn #149 (vs. 1, 3, 4): *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Call to Worship: (based on Isaiah 60:1-6)

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Announcements / Pass the Peace

Dan Loven-Crum

† Hymn (vs. 2): *All Are Welcome*

Hearing God's Word

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

First Lesson:

Mark 1:4-11

Tim Kerrigan

† Hymn: #161 (vs. 1, 2): *I Wonder as I Wander*

Second Lesson:

The Map Our Dreaming Makes: A Blessing for Women's Christmas - Jan Richardson

Message

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Responding to God's Word

† Hymn: #151 (vs. 1, 3, 5): *The First Noel*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Star Word Meditation

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Sharing Our Gifts

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Children's Procession of Light

Communion

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Communion Meditation: *The Little Drummer Boy, I Wonder as I Wander*

† Hymn: *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Countryside Blessing

Kyle Barchus

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

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.

Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano

Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

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:

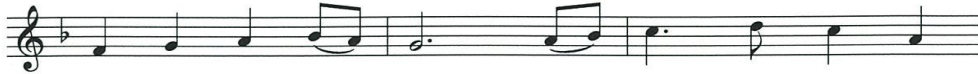
Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Don (Bev) Sarton asks us to pray for his daughter-in-law, Julie Sarton, who is married to their son, Kyle. Julie is preparing to have radiation treatment for breast cancer.

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

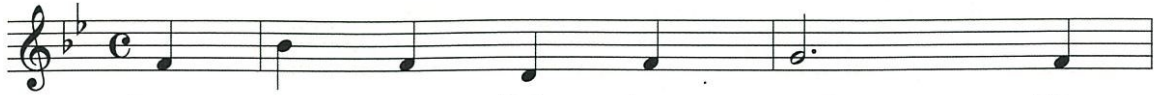


love of Christ shall end^d di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

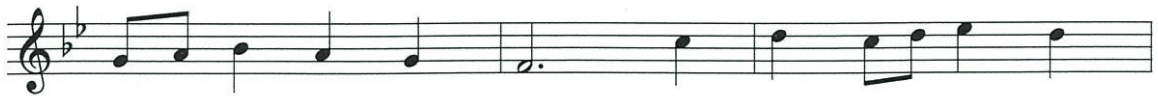


all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1. A - rise, your light has come! The
2. A - rise, your light has come! Fling
3. A - rise, your light has come! All
4. A - rise, your light has come! The



Spir - it's call o - bey; Show forth the glo - ry
wide the pris - on door; Pro - claim the cap - tive's
you in sor - row born, Bind up the bro - ken -
moun - tains burst in song! Rise up like ea - gles



of your God Which shines on you to - day.
lib - er - ty, Good tid - ings to the poor.
heart - ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.