



Youth Sunday  
*Bold, Unapologetic, Rebellious, Empowered*  
Psalm 50:1-6  
Luke 2: 41-52  
February 11, 2024

## Order of Worship 10 a.m.

### Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rebecca Morello

† Gathering Song, #576: *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

† Call to Worship

Maxwell W. - Elsie R. - Matilda Q. - Emmy M. - Lexi J., readers

One: Have you ever felt rebellious?

**Many: Yes, for we are human.**

One: Have you ever felt outgoing?

**Many: Yes, for we are human.**

One: Have you ever felt unapologetic?

**Many: Yes, for we are human.**

One Well, so was Jesus.

**Many: Cool**

† Pass the Peace

Collin H. - Hudson F. - Smith C.

One: The Peace of God be With You

**Many: And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with your neighbors.)*

† Hymn of Response (vs. 2): *All Are Welcome*

### Hearing The Word

Grown Ups' Moment

Emma Boyd

First Lesson: *Living Psalm 50:1-6 "Re-imagined"* - Elizabeth Dilley

Mathias F., reader

Second Lesson: Luke 2: 41-52

Carson d., reader

Message: *Bold, Unapologetic, Rebellious, Empowered*

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### Responding to The Word

Prayer of the People: Banned Book Blessing

Mat H. / Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

*(Banned Book responsorial see page 5)*

Musical Refection: *All I Know So Far* - Alecia Moore

A Time for Community

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: God, for each unique design, for the patterns on their palms and the beauty of their minds, we give you thanks. For the courage in their hearts and the wonder out of which their souls meander, we give you thanks. God, they are our teachers and our dreamers, they are our babies and our leaders. For your children, for our children, for the child in each of us we give you thanks. We offer back to you with praise, the gifts of our hearts and our hands. Take now these gifts and restore and renew the dreams of ALL children, everywhere. Amen.

Musical Reflection: *Gigue* - F.M. Veracini

Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Words of Remembrance

*Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We serve gluten free bread and serve non-alcoholic grape juice.. Raise your hand if you would like a deacon to bring the elements to you.*

*Communion cups may be discarded in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.*

Communion Music:

*You Are Enough* - Ryan O'Neal / *Brave* - Sara Bareilles

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

Hymn of Blessing #251: *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

Prayer to Carry With Us: *Blessing of Children* from "Liturgies from Below" (see page 5)

Alex K. reader

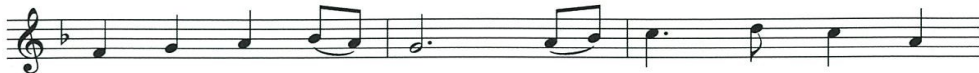
OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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

# 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<sup>d</sup> 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.

## Banned Book responsorial:

**Jenny:** As we pray over these books, I invite you to hold out your hands in a gesture of blessing. Let us join our hearts and voices in prayer. Source of all knowledge and understanding, Storyteller of Creation, Life-giving Word made flesh, pour out your Spirit on us and on these books.

**Mat:** Where minds are closed and hearts are hard, bless these books to be a blessing. Assembly: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love. Leader 1: Where uncomfortable realities and challenging histories are feared, avoided, and silenced, bless these books to be a blessing.

**All: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love.**

**Jenny:** Where the desire to protect privilege and shield some from distress outweighs the need to hear truth and love justice, bless these books to be a blessing.

**All: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love.**

**Mat:** For those who need to know they are not alone, who cannot imagine a future for themselves, bless these books to be a blessing.

**All: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love.**

**Jenny:** For those who cannot find their divine image reflected anywhere else, bless these books to be a blessing.

**All: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love.**

**Mat:** For those whose flourishing depends on learning all the histories, hearing all the stories, asking all the questions, bless these books to be a blessing.

**All: May these books bring life, spread justice, and teach love.**

**Jenny:** Source of all knowledge and understanding, Storyteller of Creation, Life-giving Word made flesh, use these books to expand our hearts, ignite our imaginations, and draw us closer to you, that we might journey courageously and compassionately toward your dream of freedom and justice, mercy and love. Amen.

### *Blessing of Children from "Liturgies from Below"*

God bless your children with heroes  
Not the kind that wear capes  
But those that love even when it hurts  
Not the kind who beat the baddies  
But those who still shield others from harm  
Not the kind who fight for themselves  
But those who raise up others to be heroes too  
Amen

# 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](mailto:sarahrj@countrysideucc.org)*

## JOYS:

*Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!*

**Bob (Nancy) Davis** shares that his daughter Kate had successful surgery for breast cancer on February 4 and is recovering well at home. Thanks be to God!

**Makenzie Schmitt (Jim Kult)** shares that her sister's twins just celebrated their first birthday this month. They are miracle babies born after a very complicated pregnancy. Makenzie lifts prayers of gratitude for these gifts of life and the reminder of God's ability to perform miracles.

## CONCERNS:

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

**Matt (Autumn) Cox's** mother, Carmen, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 30. He, Autumn, and their daughter Violet traveled to Kansas City to say goodbye and traveled back and forth to prepare for the funeral on Friday, Feb. 2. Please pray for them in their grief and as they do the extensive work to settle her estate.

**Sheila Hargreaves** asks for continued prayers for her daughter, Christa Graffius, who we've prayed for in the past since she received a diagnosis of a brain tumor last fall. Christa has been having more difficulties recently and last week was hospitalized with blood clots.

Please continue to keep **Tom (Ann) Scates** in prayer. Tom fell twice early this month while they were in Phoenix, and during the second fall injured his back. While he initially thought he only had deep muscle injuries, he also has now been diagnosed with several broken ribs.

Please offer healing prayers for Ilene Arnold's (**Carrie Leathers**) brother, Hal Arnold, who is struggling with the debilitating ramifications of his cancer surgery.

Julia Olynyk, vocals - Draven Stevenson, viola - Matt Wallace, sax  
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

## 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.

## **Sunday Flowers This Week**

Flowers were given today by Kayla Johnson and Jordyn Vazquez  
In honor of their anniversary.

## *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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