

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP

GOD
LOVES
YOU
So do we.

The graphic features the text 'GOD LOVES YOU So do we.' arranged in four lines. 'GOD' and 'YOU' are in a bold, black, sans-serif font. 'LOVES' is in a bold, sans-serif font where each letter is filled with a rainbow gradient. The letter 'O' in 'LOVES' is replaced by a white silhouette of a church with a steeple, set against a circular rainbow background. 'So do we.' is written in a blue, cursive script font.

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June 23, 2024

† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.
Text in **bold** indicates places where the congregation is invited to join in response.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

†GATHERING SONG

For Everyone Born vs.1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

One: In this time of worship, let the colours of God's love come alive for us.

Many: The blue of the lakes and seas, refreshing us.

The brown of the earth, grounding us.

The orange of a blazing sunrise, uplifting us.

One: In worship we affirm God's nurturing love.

Many: The pink of a gentle sunset, comforting us.

The green of trees and forests, sheltering us.

The black of night, bringing peace and rest.

One: In worship we affirm God's caring love.

Many: The yellow of inspiration, encouraging us.

The red of embracing life, energizing us.

The purple of imagination, emboldening us.

One: In worship we proclaim God's empowering love.

Many: Move through us God, to feel your acceptance, to accept your forgiveness and to trust in your word to us.

†PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Are Welcome vs. 1

CELEBRATION of BAPTISM

Kodi Rose Abegglen, daughter of Sarah and Nick Abegglen

Henry John Danielson, son of Rachel and Pete Danielson

Maeve Joelle Rogers, daughter of Jossy and Ryan Rogers

INVITATION & ADDRESS

COVENANTED PROMISES

ACT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

HYMN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(All children are invited to come forward to participate in the baptismal liturgy at the chancel)

Welcome, Child of God



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur - rounds you,



we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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Hearing the Word

LESSON: Genesis 2

Reader: Dave Lundblad

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

MESSAGE

Pride in the Side

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Responding to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

SHARING OUR GIFTS

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has chosen I Be Black Girl as the recipient of our June Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, by loving those in whose image you have created them, your Beloved! Receive now our gifts that your Love might abound in and through us, today and always. Amen.

MUSIC REFLECTION

For All the Children

David Lohman

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the God of love.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Remembrance

Please prepare to partake of the Eucharist in your seats. The communion kits include whole wheat bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. (Gluten-free is available.) Raise your hand if you need assistance with your communion elements and an usher will assist you. Communion cups may be discarded in the baskets as you leave the sanctuary.

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

For Everyone Born vs. 4-6

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano
Alex Ritter, organ and piano - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Marj Sambasile
in memory of her husband, Sam, for his 99th birthday.

Joys & 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

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

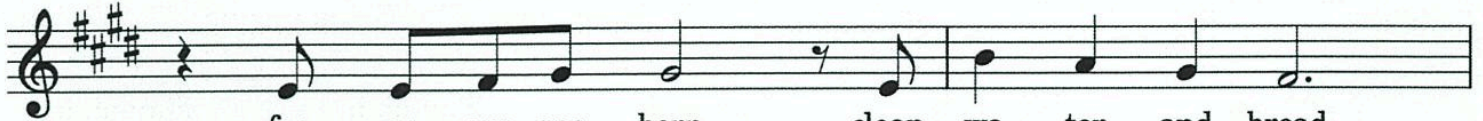
Shelley (Dave) Boyd's father passed away on Thursday, June 20, in Lincoln at the age of 83. Please keep Shelley and her family in your prayers as they grieve his loss.

Steve (Dinah) Gomez's father, Gabriel Gomez, spent some time in the hospital over the last few weeks. But he's thankfully now at Hillcrest Rehab in Bellevue and is recovering and getting stronger. Please keep the Gomez family in your prayers.

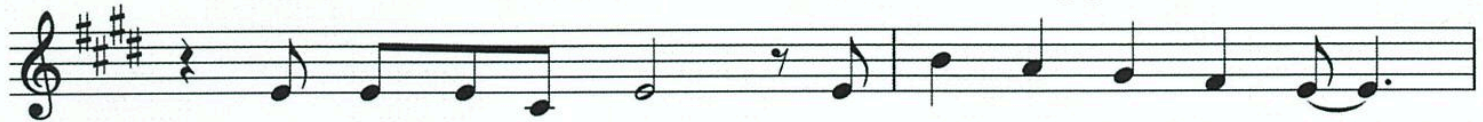
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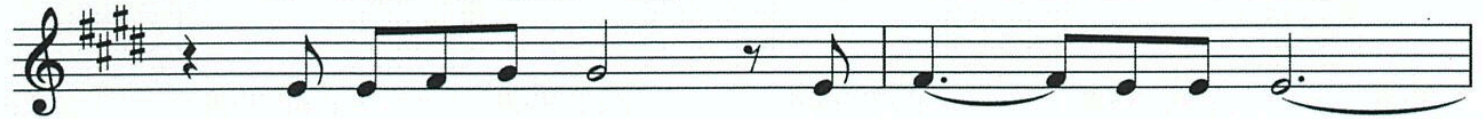
For ev - ery - one born	a place at the ta - ble,
For all whoshare life	a place at the ta - ble,
For those we ne - glect	a place at the ta - ble,
For all who have breath	a place at the ta - ble,
For you and for me	a place at the ta - ble,
For ev - ery - one born	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born	clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles,	de - ci - ding the share,
a voice to be heard,	a part in the song,
a co - ve - nant shared,	a wel - com - ing space,
though wound - ed and sore	with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear	and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space,	a safe place for grow - ing
with wis - dom and grace,	di - vid - ing the po - wer
the hands of a child	in hands that are wrin - kled
a rain - bow of race	and gen - der and co - lor
in an - ger and hurt,	a mind - set of mer - cy
to work, to speak out,	to wit - ness and wor - ship



for ev - ery - one born	a star	o - ver - head.
for all whoshare life	a sys -	tem that's fair.
for those we ne - glect	a right	to be - long.
for all who have breath	the chal -	ice of grace.
for you and for me	a new	way to live.
for ev - ery - one born	the right	to be free.



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy com - pass - ion and peace: yes God will de -



light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice jus - tice and joy!

Music Notes

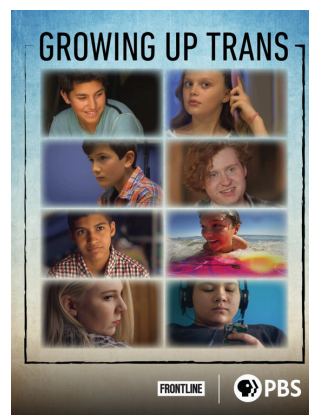
David Lohman's *For All the Children* was inspired by his work at the Institute for Welcoming Resources, part of the LGBTQ-Welcoming Faith Movement. Lohman was asked to write a hymn in honor of UCC minister Rev. Ann B. Day and her partner Donna Enberg who lead the UCC's Open and Affirming program for twenty years and were retiring from that ministry. For Lohman, "the task was daunting because I had never written lyrics before. I stared at a blank sheet for weeks as the deadline drew ever closer. Then I thought of the adage, 'Write what you know.' So, what did I know? Well, I was clear that the reason I was doing this Welcoming work was so that queer kids growing up after me wouldn't have to experience the despair, isolation, and shame that had filled my own adolescent years. Once that was clear in my mind, thoughts began pouring onto the page and the song almost wrote itself."

As Lohman puts it "church, at its best, is a place where God's unfathomable and limitless love is celebrated. At its worst, the church can be a place where our prejudices and fears of those who are different receive reinforcement every time it declares who is, and who is not, acceptable in God's sight." It is a reminder of the work we have to do to fight for justice for all the children.

THE BOX JUNE 2024

Please put your donations in the Box in the church entryway or order items from their Amazon wish list and have them sent to the church office.

I BE  BLACK GIRL



Board of Social Justice and Outreach
Summer Film Series

Growing Up Trans

July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Marys' Hall
Nursery & Childcare available!

Sharing our Gifts

Scan the QR code to visit the Countryside giving page to donate or give to the Box



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