

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



June 30, 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 *Aus Tiefer Not (Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee) BWV 686* J.S. Bach

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

†GATHERING SONG *O Christ, The Healer*

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: We trust that God is with us

Many: and all shall be made well.

One: Our faith is the light that guides us

Many: through work, life and the world.

One: Rejoice and know that God is here.

Many: Hallelujah! God is with us on the journey. Amen!

†PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE *All Are Welcome vs. 4*

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children are invited to join Children's Church in the Chapel)

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 130

Reader: Dinah Gomez

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Be Still

Joe King / Isaac Slade

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

MESSAGE*Only Believe*

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.

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

(Please join Julia in singing the choruses. You may remain seated during the hymn.)

Be Not Afraid (chorus)

 Refrain



Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.
Come, fol - low me, and I will give you rest.

A TIME FOR COMMUNITY

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)

Holy God, we give you thanks for the many blessings you bestow upon us. We ask that you might bless the small portion that we return to you—the first fruits of that which we receive. We ask that you might use your divine power to multiply our gifts, so that we may see good work done both in this church and in your world, on our behalf. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

One: Come to this table

Where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God
Into a meal of love and grace.

Many: A supper of visions and dreams

A table where all souls are welcome

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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

It is Well With My Soul

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

#86 Great is Thy Faithfulness

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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:

Marion Norman's daughter, Beth Stenger, passed away on Sunday, June 23. Her funeral service was held Friday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Countryside. Please keep Marion and her family in your prayers during this time of grief.

Music Notes

The prelude today is Bach's setting of the chorale version of Psalm 130. To convey the gravity of the text, Bach ensured the organist would have to suffer a bit to play the piece, which is notable for using six voices in counterpoint. This means there are two voices in the pedal, so both feet are playing independent melodies simultaneously, making it quite tricky.

"It Is Well With My Soul" was written in 1873 by Horatio Spafford after a series of traumatic events in his life. In 1871, his four-year-old son passed away, and the Great Chicago Fire caused him financial disaster. In 1873, after suffering further from the economic downturn, he made arrangements to travel with his family to Europe. After a business dispute caused him to be delayed, his family set sail ahead of him on the SS Ville du Havre. While crossing the Atlantic, a collision with another vessel caused the ship to sink. All four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife, Anna, survived and sent a telegram upon arriving in Wales: "Saved alone..."

Spafford was inspired to write the text as he sailed to join his wife and his ship approached the area of the accident. Understanding the context is important to engaging with the text – the steadfast nature of a river, the ups and downs of waves on the open sea, storm clouds giving way to light. Another note of interest about Spafford: he eventually moved to Jerusalem, where he and his wife established the American Colony, a Christian utopian society engaged in philanthropic activities among Jews, Muslims, and Christians. After decades of benevolent activities, the Colony ceased to be a communal society in the 1950s, becoming the American Colony Hotel, which hosted talks between Palestine and Israel that led to the 1983 Oslo Peace Accords.



IMAGINE MORE

COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

IMAGINING MORE MEANS DARING TO BELIEVE THAT GOD'S CALL TO "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF" CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD, ONE PERSON AT A TIME.



TODAY!
11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

History of Israel-Palestine Relations
TFI VP of Mission Advancement Jeremy Fricke

SUNDAY, JULY 7
11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

LGBTQ+ Allyship Training
Joni Watke

GROWING UP TRANS

FRONTLINE | PBS

Board of Social Justice and Outreach
Summer Film Series

Growing Up Trans

July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Marys' Hall
Nursery & Childcare available!

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