

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



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August 11, 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

Hymn #536 *When We Are Living*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to worship God with all that we are:
our whole selves, every fibre of our being.

We bring before God our scars and bruises.

We bring before God our belly laughs and tears shed.

We carry signs of life lived, vigorously and whole-heartedly,
as a promise of the hope that we have through God.

Embraced by God, accepted by God, beloved by God:

let us give ourselves over in worship to God. Amen.

†PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Are Welcome vs 1

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

*Hearing the Word***FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Reader: Maggie Jones

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

MUSIC REFLECTION*Lost in the Wilderness*

Stephen Schwartz

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:34, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

MESSAGE

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Some Days

Audra McDonald

SHARING OUR GIFTS

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated The Stephen Center as the recipient of the August Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Abundant and gracious God, living bread and eternal love. We affirm your presence in our lives and give thanks for the blessings of faith. As your love enriches our lives, we pray that this offering can enrich and expand your work in the world – of healing where there is pain, of feeding where there is hunger, and of loving where emptiness would otherwise prevail. Amen.

HYMN

#393 One Bread, One Body

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

We Walk in Love

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax
Rick Avard, piano Greg Ahl, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Charles Jansen
in memory of Marilyn Jansen.

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:

Gloria Dinsdale passed away, peacefully, on Thursday, Aug. 1, surrounded by her loved ones. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the Countryside Sanctuary on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.

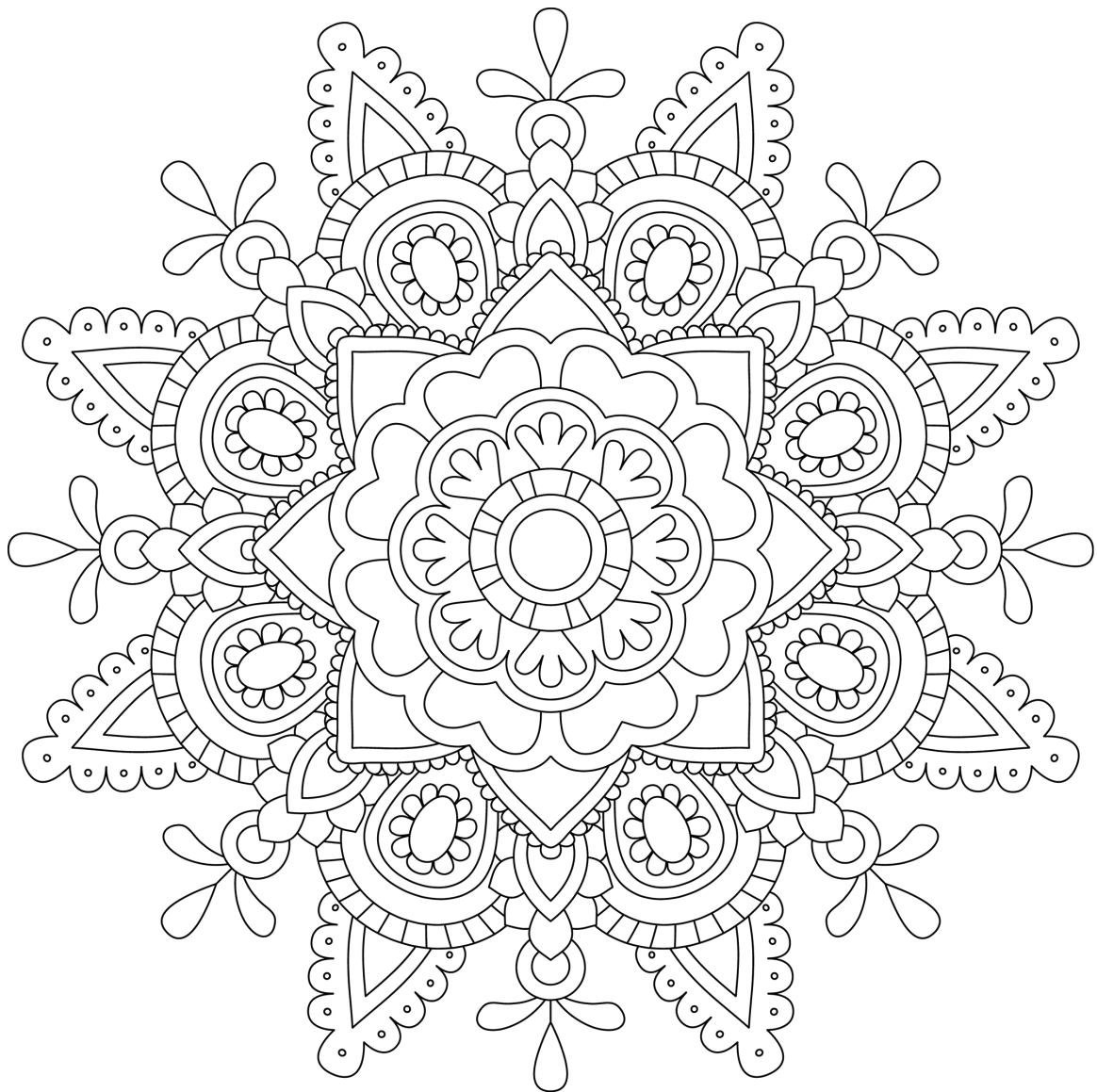
Please keep **Steve (Dinah) Gomez** in your prayers. His father, Gabriel, continues to receive hospice care at home. Please keep the Gomez family in your prayers during this time.

Don and Bev Sarton ask for prayers as they make challenging decisions about Bev's care in the next few days.



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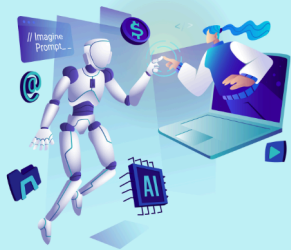
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with Ray Meints

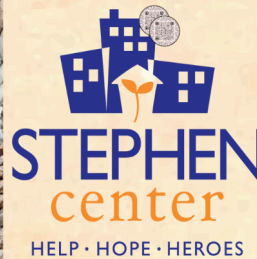
Sunday, August 11, 11:15-12:15



The Box - August

Operational and Household Needs
(NEW OR CLEAN, GENTLY USED):

- Kitchen/Bathroom/Bedroom essentials
- Home décor essentials (lamps, clocks, etc.)
- Cleaning/Laundry supplies



BAD FAITH

Christian Nationalism's *Unholy* War on Democracy

"A GREAT AND POWERFUL AND TERRIBLE FILM"
—KEN RUSS
"A CRISP AND CRACKLING GARDON CALL"
—KENNETH TURAN
"IT'S AS LIK A TERRIFYING POLITICAL THRILLER"
—DENISE SUN



Summer Film Series

Bad Faith

A feature-length documentary that explores the dangerous rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States.

August 18, 6:30 p.m.

Marys Hall

WE ARE CALLED TO BE A MOVEMENT

REVEREND DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER II

New to Countryside?

Stop by the Visitor Table after service to pick up your free copy of William J. Barber's *We Are Called to be a Movement!* It's our way to say we're SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!!

Coffee with the Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 18

Every third Sunday after the service



Your support keeps our coffee brewing! Thanks a latte from the Common Grounds Barista Bunch!



Sharing our Gifts

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