

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



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New Member Sunday
November 10, 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

COMMUNITY TIME (9:55)

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

PRELUDE

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Harold Arlen / Yip Harburg

WELCOME

†GATHERING SONG

Hymn #636 (vs.1) *Abide With Me*

†OPENING PRAYER (adapted from the Iona Community)

One: From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God.
From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.
In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corners of our hearts, you are God.

Many: You are our God, and we bless you.

One: Because we can live without you and are free to go against you
and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you, God.

Many: We need you, God.

One: Because you came among us, sat beside us, healed our pain, and let us wound you, and loved us
to the end, and triumphed over all our hatred, we need you, God.

Many: We need you, God.

One: Because you, not we, are God, we need you, God.

Many: We need you, God.

One: Listen, for the God who created us says, 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called
you by name: you are mine. 'You are precious to me. I love you, I honour you, I am with you.'

So we respond:

Many: You are our God, and we need you, God. Amen

✚PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

✚RESPONSE IN MUSIC

All Are Welcome vs. 2

MODERATOR UPDATE

Dan Kuyper & Leah Georges Moderator

CHILDREN'S MOMENT & DISCOVERY KIDS

Children are invited to come forward for a lesson at the chancel, and then head to Discovery Kids classes. Nursery is available for children 0-4 years

FIRST LESSON: Ruth 3:1-5

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet, lie down, and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Give a Little Bit

Rick Davies / Roger Hodgson

SECOND LESSON: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

MESSAGE

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.

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mary Brown, Larry Brown, Brady Lain, Millie Lain, Rev. Grant Speece, Bethany Speece, Necol Arens, Jeff Arens, Shar Corbett, Mike Corbett (In absentia: Heather Karstens, Phil Dudley, Donna Dudley)

New Member Covenant Promises

Congregation Response:

We welcome you with joy! As partners in the common life of this congregation, we pledge to you our friendship and prayers as we grow together in God's transforming love.

Unison Blessing Prayer:

O God, we praise you for calling us to both seek and serve you, and for gathering us into this church. Together may we grow in your Spirit, building one another up in love and ministering to the world as followers of Jesus. Amen.

(Please greet our new members in the narthex following worship today)

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Omaha ForUs: Trans Stitchin' as the recipient of the November Box donations.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Brian and Jenna Gabriel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

In a world where pain and suffering continue, in a community where HOPE is hanging in the balance, we need you God. In our giving, remind us of your gifts. In our grieving, remind us of your grace. Use these gifts and the offerings of our hearts to rebuild a world where all are fed, all are forgiven and all are free. Amen.

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 (unison)

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

Hymn #578 (vs. 1, 3, 4) *I Need Thee Every Hour*

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sugar

Stanley Turrentine

Handbell Choir: Adam Witte, director - Julia Olynyk, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax
Alex Ritter, organ and piano - 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

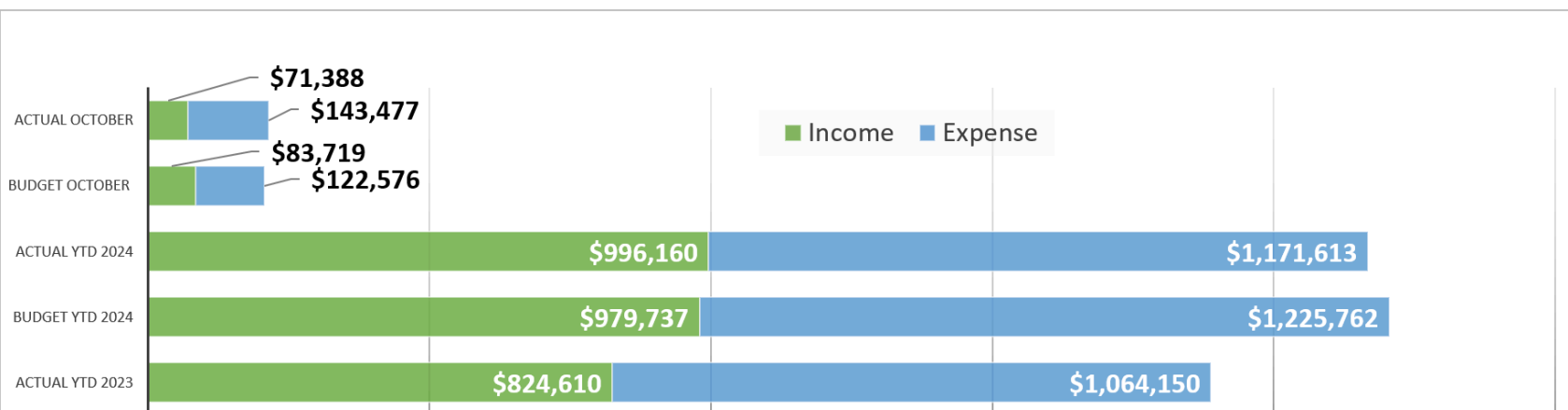
Please join in praying for the following new and ongoing concerns:

Please keep **Mark & Roxanne Draper** in your prayers. Roxanne had knee surgery last Monday, and Mark is anticipating rotator cuff repair surgery in a few weeks. Please pray for pain relief and healing for them both!

Our Church by the Numbers

We are just over three fourths of our church's fiscal year. Thus far, member revenue year-to-date is slightly above budget and expenses are slightly below our forecast. However, having noted that, the current year budget had a \$315,116 shortfall, when comparing this year's revenue and expense. We are using money from our savings account to make up the difference! Stay tuned as we share more information about the numbers of the church.

Budget vs. actual for the month & year-to-date



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Bethany Speece

In absentia:

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Donna Dudley

Heather Karstens



And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:8

The Stewardship Committee is thrilled to invite you to join them in Countryside's *Imagine More* stewardship campaign for the upcoming year. Last week we heard from John Kampfe. To listen to John and other fellow church members speak about why they give and what Countryside means to them, visit countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore.



imaginemore

Turning Dreams Into Reality

Submitting your pledge card is an act of faith and commitment, transforming our collective dreams into concrete plans. If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, please consider doing so. Let's build a future where generosity leads the way, and where the vision we hold becomes the reality we live.

HOW TO PLEDGE

Fill out a a pledge card

- Paper pledge cards can be found in the pews, at the Stewardship table in the Foyer or downloading a copy at countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore
- An online pledge card form can be found by using the QR code to the right or visiting countrysideucc.org/ImagineMore

Return the pledge card to the church office or drop in the offering baskets



online pledge

CONSIDER ONLINE REOCCURRING GIVING

Setup online giving

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