

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



Wisdom's Path by Jan Richardson

February 9, 2025

† 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

Killer Joe

Benny Golson

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

†GATHERING SONG

Hymn #16 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Natalie Arens

One: Loving God, we celebrate you calling us into this place today to be together in worship as we listen for your Spirit speaking to us and moving among us.

Many: You have invited us here today, to be refreshed, renewed, and reenergized to do your will.

One: We are gathered in community and reminded that we are not alone and need each other.

Many: We have so much in common, yet we are all unique and bring our particular gifts to share.

One: God, show each of us how you would like us to be of service.

Many: We pray that you will guide us all to follow you. Amen.

PRESENTATION BY TEMPLE ISRAEL YOUTH

†PASSING THE PEACE

Countryside Youth

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Are Welcome (vs. 2)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elsie Reilly

Children are invited to come forward for a lesson at the chancel and then return to sit with their caregivers today; Nursery is available for children 0-4 years.

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 139:1-14a

Reader: Natalie Arens

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Jesus And His Love
Countryside Handbell Choir

arr. Benjamin Tucker

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MUSICAL REFLECTION*Be Thou My Vision*

Beatrix Gabrial, Irish Gabrial, Lexi Johanning, Andrew Palmer, Draven Stevenson

MESSAGE

Maggie Jones

*Responding to the Word***PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Brylee Kaplan

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (NUIHC) for the February Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, as we lift our voices, singing songs of hope, we also lift our hands, offering back to you the gifts we have been freely given. Receive now these offerings and bless them abundantly, so that others might receive the full blessing of your grace and peace. Amen.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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

Hymn #499 *When Love Is Found*

†BENEDICTION

Maggie Jones

POSTLUDE

My Little Suede Shoes

Charlie Parker

Lexi Johanning, baritone - Draven Stevenson, viola
Matt Wallace, saxophone - Alex Ritter, organ - Rick Avard, piano
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by De Schmierer
in memory of her husband, Ron, and their parents.

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 be included on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

The Annual Meeting is today, Sunday, February 9, at 11:45 am. For documents and reference materials scan the QR code at right or visit countrysideucc.org/annualmeeting.



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