

Countryside Community Church

WORSHIP



Neighbors by Steve Prince, sanctifiedart.org

March 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

PRELUDE *Feels So Good* Chuck Mangione

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

One: Who is my neighbor? The question lingers in our hearts and minds.

Many: Is it the one we know, or the stranger we least expect?

One: In a world that draws lines and builds walls, Christ calls us to cross them.

Many: Come, let us worship the God who redefines neighbor with every act of love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

Peace I leave with you:
my peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

HYMN OF RESPONSE Hymn #486 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?* (vs. 1-2)

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn #437 *Go Now in Peace*

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON Luke 10:25-37

Reader: Joyce Davis

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

ANTHEM

Let Us Walk This Road Together
Countryside Community Church Choir

Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

SECOND LESSON

Kindness by Naomi Shihab Nye

Before you know what kindness really is
you must lose things,
feel the future dissolve in a moment
like salt in a weakened broth.
What you held in your hand,
what you counted and carefully saved,
all this must go so you know
how desolate the landscape can be
between the regions of kindness.

MESSAGE

Where is your bother?

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Responding to the Word

HYMN OF RESPONSE Hymn #486 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?* (vs. 3)

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Restoring Dignity for the March Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD of love, we are thankful for your presence and your generosity. As you have so freely given to us, we too now return to you the gifts of ourselves and our resources. Receive the blessings of our hands and our hearts, and use them to shower mercy, grace and compassion upon your people. 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 bread 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 #486 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?* (vs. 4)

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There Will Never Be Another You

Harry Warren / Mack Gordon

Countryside Community Church Choir - Adam Witte, director
Diane Hill, organ and piano - Matt Wallace, saxophone - Ron Cooley, guitar
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 be included 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:

Nancy Deetz was hospitalized for bronchitis and continues to recover. She is back in her apartment at Symphony Pointe. Please keep her in prayer as she heals and strengthens.

Dick Galusha passed away on February 24. Please keep his wife, **Pat**, and their family in your prayers. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, March 13 at Forest Lawn Cemetery with visitation at 10:30 a.m., services at 11 a.m., and a reception from 11:45 to 1 p.m.

Please keep **Dan (Mike) Loven-Crum** in your prayers as he continues to work with his siblings to care for his mom, Verona Loven, who is no longer in the hospital but has enrolled in hospice care due to advancements in her multiple myeloma.



Lenten Season

- Labyrinth Prayer Walk: through Thursday, April 17
- Art Walk: through Thursday, April 17
- Poetry Journey: through Sunday, April 20

Sundays, March 9 through April 13

- Contemplative Lenten Taizé Worship, 8:30 a.m.
- Traditional, Jazz and Communion Worship, 10 a.m.

Mondays, March 10, 24, 31 & April 7

- Discover Awe Book Study, 12 p.m.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

- Procession, 9:45 a.m.
- Service, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

- *Tenebrae* Service, 7 p.m.

Easter

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.
- Worship Service, 9 a.m.
- Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt, 10-11 a.m.
- Worship Service, 11 a.m.



Scan the QR code or visit countrysideucc.org/lent for the complete Lenten and Easter Guide

