

Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



Untitled, Unknown Artist, Discovery Kids

May 11, 2025

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 11, 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

In Your Own Sweet Way

Dave Brubeck

†WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

One: Come, let us gather where grief meets grace.

Many: We remember the faithful among us whose love clothed the broken.

One: God calls life out of loss and hope out of despair.

Many: We come, ready to witness resurrection again.

One: We come ready to rise and join the work!

Many: We come ready to rise and claim resurrection hope!

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

All Are Welcome (vs. 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

Go Now in Peace x 2

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go.

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 23

Reader: Molly Anderson

The Holy One is my shepherd; I lack nothing.
They make me lie down in green pastures;
They lead me beside still waters;
God restores my soul.
God guides me along right paths
for the sake of all that is sacred.
Even though I walk through the deepest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Holy One
my whole life long.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Our Hope Arises

Mary McDonald

SECOND LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Little Sunflower

Freddie Hubbard

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

The Social Justice and Outreach Board has designated Monarch Joint Venture for the May Box donations.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, receive our gifts and transform our hearts. Turn these ordinary offerings of a humble people into extraordinary miracles of a loving God! 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 #83 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

POSTLUDE

Beautiful Love

Victor Young

Countryside Community Church Choir - Adam Witte, director

Alex Ritter, organ and piano - Matt Wallace, saxophone

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Michael Frederickson, bass

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Cathy and Rick MacInnes
in loving memory of their mothers - Janice C. Eicher and Ruth K. MacInnes.

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:

Margie (Glenn) Phillips had surgery on Wednesday, May 7, to repair her ACL & meniscus tears. Please pray for her ongoing recovery.

Pastor Jenny and Shannon Shultz-Thomas ask for prayers for Shannon's family as her father, Larry Thomas, undergoes surgery for cancer. Please pray for their family as they gather to support him and discuss next steps.