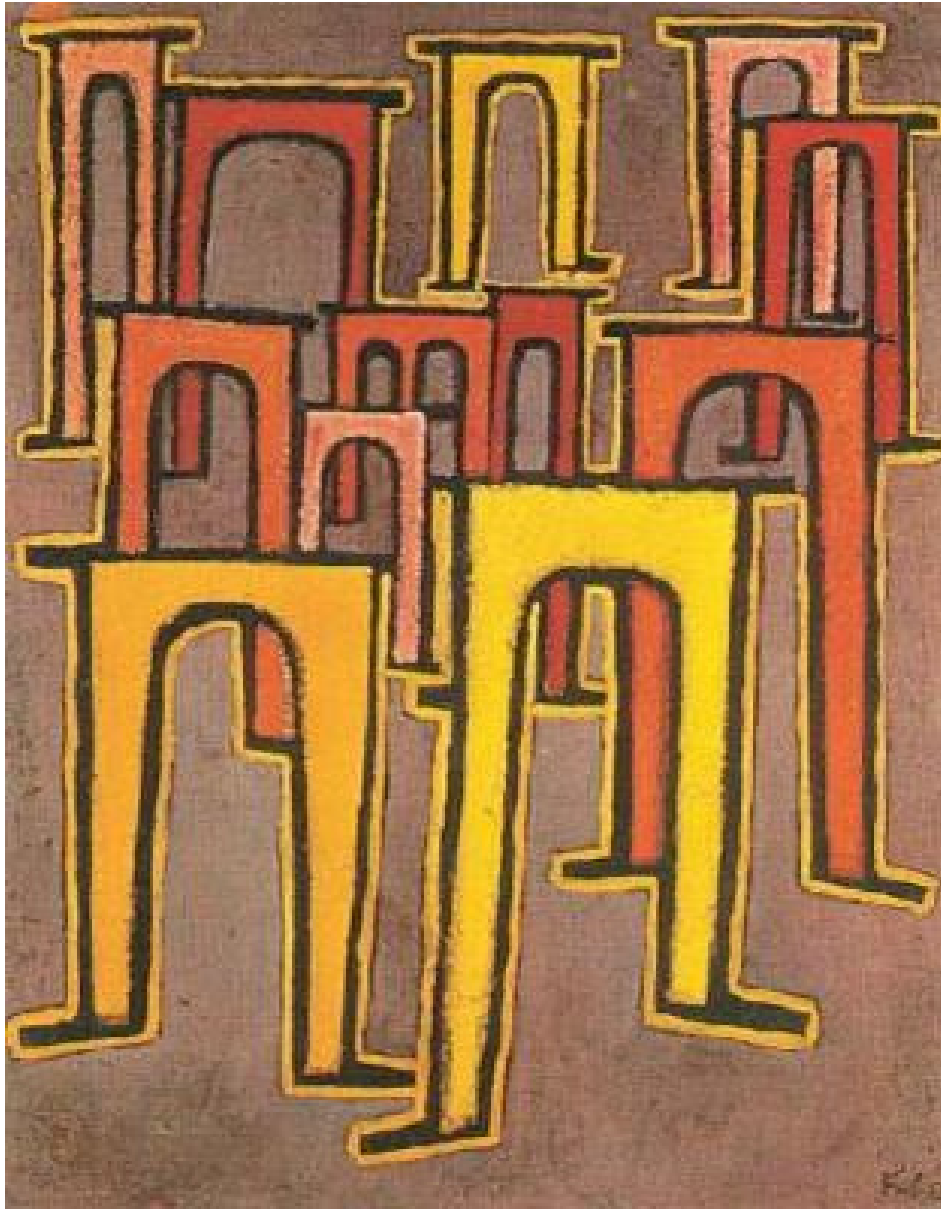


# Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



*Revolution des Viadukts (Revolution of the Viaduct (1937), Paul Klee. Oil-on-cotton.*

**October 19, 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)**

Dan Loven-Crum

**PRELUDE**

*So What*

Miles Davis

**WELCOME & †CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Charlene Wozny

One: Come, people of God, the dawn of new life is rising!

**Many: Lift your voices, for hope is stronger than fear.**

One: The Spirit stirs, breathing joy into our midst.

**Many: Let us worship with energy, gratitude, and praise!**

**†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**

*All Are Welcome vs. 1*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Heather Moran

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.

**MUSIC REFLECTION**

*If You But Trust In God To Guide You*  
Countryside Choir

arr. David Cherwien

# Hearing the Word

## LESSONS:

Reader: Pat Smith

Genesis 15:6

And because [Abraham] had faith in the Lord, He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

Qur'an 57:7

Have faith in God and His messenger, and contribute from what He has made you inheritors in. Those of you who have faith and contribute – for them it is a great reward.

## MESSAGE

*Faith and Truth*

Rabbi Dr. Reuven Firestone

# Responding to the Word

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Charlene Wozny

**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

Please find the QR codes at the Spotlight table in the narthex to support our community partners (Asha House) through the Box and (Together) through Fingerprints, as well as make your commitments to Countryside's wider mission.

Stewardship Moment

Trisha Hoffman-Ahrens and Jenn Vinton

**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**

*As you are able, please come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you prefer to take communion in your seat, raise your hand and a server will bring the elements to you. At Countryside, we serve gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice to support a diversity of needs. Communion cups may be discarded in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.*

**Healing Prayer**

*Anyone is welcome to join Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey in the prayer corner in the rear of the sanctuary. You are invited to share a prayer request for yourself or others, and receive a prayer of blessing or anointing with oil as a reminder that God's presence with you.*

**Communion Meditation****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us your presence. 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.**

*(Communion is served 'At the Table' on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. On 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, communion is served immediately following the service in room Anna, which is directly across from the sanctuary off the narthex)*

*Sending***†SENDING HYMN**

Hymn #576 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* (vs. 3)

**†BENEDICTION**

Rev. Charlene Wozny

**POSTLUDE**

*Blue Bossa*

Kenny Dorham

Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director - Matt Wallace, saxophone  
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 am 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 the church office at 402.391.0350 or email [office@countrysideucc.org](mailto:office@countrysideucc.org).*

### ***Prayers of Gratitude for the following Joys:***

We give thanks for the laughter of children that rings out in our building as the new school year starts.

Gracious and generous God we give thanks for all those in our midst as we prayerfully consider our financial support for the ministry of this congregation.

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

**Laurie Sample**, who continues to struggle with health concerns.

**Carol McCann**, who is receiving rehab at Brookstone on 144th and Center.

**Mary Patton**, who is recovering and receiving home care, physical therapy and occupational therapy as she recovers from two surgeries following a riding accident. She will remain homebound for the next 4-6 weeks.

**Molly Anderson** asks for continued prayers for her sister Kate, who is recovering from surgery after another fall. She will remain at the care center for another two to three weeks.

**Lillian Chapman** is now in hospice care.

**Deb Hickman** asks for prayers for her friends of 38 years, Claudia and Steve Swee. Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and two weeks later suffered a debilitating stroke. He is now in palliative care at Newport House.

# Rabbi Dr. Reuven Firestone



Rabbi Dr. Reuven Firestone is the Regenstein Professor in Medieval Judaism and Islam at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and Affiliate Professor of Religion at the University of

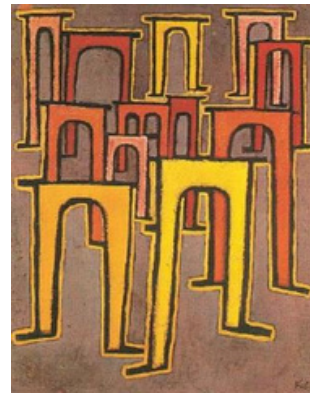
Southern California. An ordained rabbi with a Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Studies from New York University, he has authored numerous books, including *Who Are the Real Chosen People?*, *Introduction to Islam for Jews*, and

*The Power of Dialogue*.

Dr. Firestone has served as Vice President of the Association for Jewish Studies and President of the International Qur'anic Studies Association. Dr. Firestone also founded the Center for Muslim-Jewish Engagement (CMJE), a joint program of Hebrew Union College, the Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Foundation and the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California. He is a widely respected voice in interfaith scholarship and dialogue.

## On the Cover

This Sunday's bulletin features *Revolution of the Viaduct* (1937) by Paul Klee, a striking example of how art can channel resistance and resilience. Painted during a time when fascism was rising in Europe, Klee's oil-on-cotton piece depicts arches breaking free from the rigid structure of a viaduct. This imagery evokes public dissent and promotes individuality, serving as a subtle yet powerful critique of oppressive regimes.



Klee, who suffered from scleroderma and was labeled a "degenerate" artist by the Nazis, continued to create art that blended imagination with courage. His late works, including *Revolution of the Viaduct*, reveal both anguish and hope, inviting us to reflect on how beauty, courage and faith can emerge even in the most difficult seasons of life. Klee often explored contrasts—order and freedom, vitality and decline, joy and mortality. His work reminds us that creativity and meaning can emerge even in times of limitation.

In the spirit of A2A, *The Vase* invites us to see life, in all its complexity, as still vibrant, beautiful, and worthy of celebration.