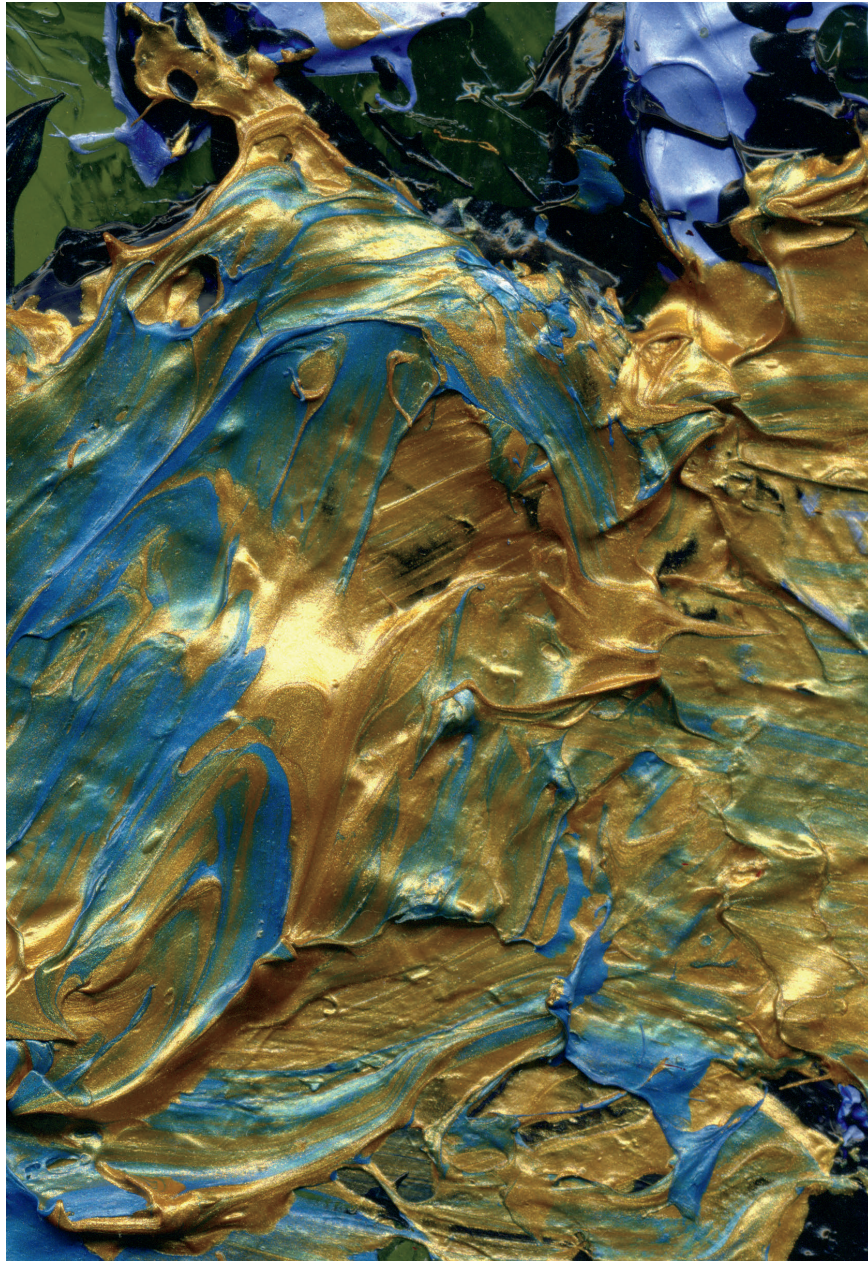


Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



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† 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)

Adam Witte

PRELUDE

Isfahan

Duke Ellington

WELCOME & †CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

One: As stone upon stone threatens to fall

As leaders and kings grown emboldened in power

Many: One thing shall stand the test of time;

The light in the dark, the faith through the flames.

One: The voice of God's presence, the presence of God's voice,

Many: Saying--Do not fear, do not fear.

†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 #709 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (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.**

Hearing the Word

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:2-6

Reader: Molly Anderson

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid,
for the Holy One is my strength and my song, my salvation.
With joy we draw water from the wells of life, giving thanks to the Eternal One.
Call upon God's name, proclaim God's deeds among the nations.
Sing praises, for God has done gloriously—let this be known in all the earth.
Shout for joy, O people of promise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

MUSIC REFLECTION

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Craig Courtney

Countryside Choir with Jody Sanders, flute

SECOND LESSON: Luke 21: 5-19

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."
They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"
And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.
"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

MESSAGE

Faith through the Flames, Water from the Well

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Adam Witte

Please find the QR code on the back of your bulletin or at the Spotlight table in the narthex for more information about how to support our community partners this month: Community of Hope. You can also contribute to Countryside's annual mission spending plan (budget) by scanning the QR code on the back of your bulletin (also found at the spotlight table.) Countryside is 100% dependent on member giving to support the mission and ministries of our church. We are grateful for all the ways you give to sustain our vibrant and welcoming community!

Prayer of Dedication

God of fire and of living water, receive these gifts as signs of our faith and gratitude. Through them, strengthen weary hearts and kindle hope. May they flow like joy drawn from your endless well.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

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.

Communion Meditation

Slow, Hot, Wind

Gerry Niewood

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 1st and 3rd Sundays. On 2nd, 4th, and 5th 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 #711 *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

POSTLUDE

Joy Spring

Clifford Brown

Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director - Stan Harper, 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.

Prayers of Gratitude for the following Joys:

We give thanks for the breathtaking display of the Northern Lights that danced across our Nebraska skies this week. In their unexpected beauty, we are reminded of the wonder woven through creation and the joy of witnessing light shimmering in the darkness.

We give thanks for the beautiful works of art that filled our Sanctuary during the exhibit Liminal Space – a journey in light and line. Each piece reminded us of the many ways creativity draws us closer to one another and to God.

Renee Besancon raises a prayer of joy, grateful that her niece Claire has a strong support system in Tacoma to care for her following her fall.

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

Gloria (Rich) Mannel has been getting treatment and is still in Bergan Mercy. Prayers are requested for healing and guidance as the doctors are discussing possible discharge this weekend.

Sheila Christian asks for prayer for Connie Magette who is having back surgery next Wednesday.

Molly Anderson asks for continued prayers for her sister who will be remaining in a care center.

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.

Prayers for healing **Pam Govier** following outpatient surgery.

Johnna Roberts requests prayers for her brother, Steve Millspaugh, and his family. He is now in hospice in Weatherford, OK.

Renee Besancon requests prayers for her niece, Claire, a junior at the University of Puget Sound (UPS). Claire fell and broke her ankle and had surgery on Thursday, Nov. 13, followed by six weeks of non-weight bearing. Claire is a catcher for the UPS softball team. Also, prayers for Claire's mom, Lori, for traveling mercies.

Renee Besancon asks for prayers for her friend Suzie's stepdad and mom, Gib and Ruth Miller. Gib finished chemotherapy at Mayo but was re-hospitalized in Des Moines due to complications from the treatment.

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