

# Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



*Koi Study, Aisha Wint*

**February 15, 2026**

† 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**

*Stella By Starlight*

Victor Young

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come for the well here is deep.

**Many: Here, we seek the one whose love is overflowing.**

One: Like a river, like a fountain, we are full to the brim.

**Many: Come, drink, breathe deep and worship.**

**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 #91 (vs. 1, 5) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

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 birth-pre-k.

**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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader: Mark Draper

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Improvisation*

## SECOND LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**MESSAGE**

*Flashy Jesus*

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

## *Responding to the Word*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Mother and 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**

Dan Loven-Crum

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 through The Box and Fingerprints and also to contribute to Countryside's annual mission spending plan (budget). 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 (unison)**

**God of glory, you do not leave us on the mountaintop but send us into valleys of need and noise. Transfigure our fear into courage and our comfort into compassion. As we dedicate our lives, our gifts, and this community to you, let your light move through us—not for spectacle, but for service; not for escape, but for love. Amen.**

### **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.*

## **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 is with you.*

## **Communion Meditation**

*Corcovado*

Antônio Carlos Jobim

## **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.**

## *Sending*

## **†SENDING HYMN**

Hymn #182 *Transform Us*

## **†BENEDICTION**

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## **POSTLUDE**

*Tune 88*

Jeff Lorber

Matt Wallace, sax - Alex Ritter, organ and piano  
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

## **Sunday Flowers This Week**

Flowers were given today by Linda Lovgren  
to celebrate the life of Robert (Bob) Lovgren who passed away February 15, 2025.

# 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:**

Spring represents a powerful, natural renewal, acting as a reminder that change is beautiful, hope is resilient, and new beginnings are always possible. It is a time to shed winter's stagnation, embrace growth, and find joy in the "land awakening." Spring teaches us to turn toward the light, ensuring that life continues to flourish after adversity.

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

Prayers of sympathy and comfort for **Marian Kaiser** as she grieves the death of her son Christopher. His memorial service was on Saturday.

Prayers for healing and recovery for **Mike (Janelle) Baber** who fractured vertebrae in his neck after a fall down a flight of stairs. He is at home recovering. Prayers of thankfulness that his injury will heal.

Prayers for **Trevor (Chloe) Spanel** as they remember and grieve the passing of Trevor's grandmother, Phyllis Spanel, at the age of 93.

**Kris and Merv Olberding** request prayers for their son Connor and his wife Lizzie and all the people of Ukraine. The Ukraine's energy grid was hit by bombs, heat/water and electricity continue to be sporadic.

Prayers for **Derek (Sarah) Miller**. Derek was recently diagnosed with testicular cancer and is continuing with chemotherapy.

**Rita Otis** is requesting prayers and loving thoughts as she navigates a breast cancer diagnosis. She is currently participating in a 6-month drug trial.

Prayers for healing for **Don Wigington** who had shoulder surgery and is doing well.

## **Countryside Giving**

Give a little, help a lot! Scan the QR code to support Countryside's mission, The Box and Fingerprints. Your generosity keeps our community warm, welcoming and full of life!

