

Countryside Community Church

WORSHIP



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 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)

Adam Witte

PRELUDE

Tell Me Something Good

Stevie Wonder

WELCOME

Rev. Charlene Wozny

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Adam Witte

One: In a world that often tells painful stories, we gather to remember that goodness among us.

Many: We come seeking the signs of grace already moving in our midst.

One: Open your hearts to the quiet miracles, the small mercies, the unexpected joys.

Many: For God is still speaking—and there is always something good to tell

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 #595 *Be Thou My Vision*

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: Matthew 19:13-15

Reader: Mark Draper

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Improvisation

SECOND LESSON: Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Rev. Charlene Wozny

"You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

MESSAGE

The good news is...protection & care for the vulnerable

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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

Adam Witte

Please find the QR code within the 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)

Generous God, Receive these gifts we offer with grateful hearts.

Use them to grow goodness, justice, and hope in this community and beyond. Amen

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Rev. Charlene Wozny

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

All the Things You Are

Jerome Kern / Oscar Hammerstein II

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 #485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

†BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Minority

Gigi Gryce

Matt Wallace, sax - Alex Ritter, organ and piano

Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Countryside Giving

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



Holy Week

6th Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday ~ March 29

The good news is...inspiring us to act

Mark 11:1-11

First Light Brunch & Worship, 8:30 am

Palm Processional, 9:55 am

Worship & Communion, 10 am

Good Friday: April 3

*The good news is...revealed through
nonviolence*

Luke 22:47-53; Luke 23:33-38, 44-46

From Table to Cross, a Maundy

Thursday & Good Friday Tenebrae

Service, 7 pm.

Easter Sunday

April 5: Easter Sunday

The good news is...alive in the world

John 13:1-35

Sunrise Service, 7 am

Worship Service, 9

Easter Brunch, 10 am

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 am

Worship Service, 11 am

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:

March is a transitional month blending spiritual introspection with natural renewal, heavily featuring the Lenten season. Lent calls for renouncing the pursuit of power, focusing instead on faithfulness and trust in God's, rather than seeking control. It is a time for quiet reflection, removing personal "logs" (faults) before addressing others' issues.

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

We offer our prayers of condolence and sympathy to the family of **Pat Holt** who died on Tuesday. Her memorial service will be held at Countryside on Friday.

Please surround **Dan Loven-Crum** and his family with prayers of strength and courage as their mother moves into hospice care.

Prayers for **Marcy (Joel) Patton**, who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Karmen King asks for prayers for her husband who is deployed in the Middle East and is caught in the middle of the current war situation. He's has been gone for a year and has been involuntarily extended.

Margie and Glenn Phillips ask for prayers for their 8-year-old granddaughter, Divina, who has neurofibromatosis. She has tumors growing at the top of her cervical spine. She is undergoing tests, after which her parents will meet with the surgeon to set a date for spinal fusion surgery.

Prayers for **Derek (Sarah) Miller** as he continues his chemotherapy for testicular cancer.

Rita (Don) Otis is requesting prayers and loving thoughts as she navigates a breast cancer diagnosis. She is responding well to the drug trial; surgery will be scheduled in June.

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 recovering at home. Prayers of thankfulness that his injury will heal.



Countryside Community Church 2026 Easter Flower Order Form

\$15 | Order forms due Palm Sunday, March 29

Please help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter by purchasing a blooming spring plant or plants in honor or memory of your loved ones. Please complete the order form and return to the office by Sunday, March 29.

I / We would like to order _____ plant (s) at \$15 per plant.

Please indicate the way you would like this information to appear in the church Order of Worship.

Please print clearly

Given by _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

**Please pickup your plant following the 11 a.m. Easter Service, April 5
or consider sharing it with a friend or neighbor.**

Please return this form and a check payable to Countryside Community Church for \$15 per plant. *This form must reach the office by Sunday, March 29.*

Questions? Call the church office, 402-391-0350.

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Fuera ICE

Nicolette Faison

Inspired by Deuteronomy 24:17-22

16"x20" Acrylic, marker, paper on canvas

They keep taking my neighbors. Chicago and other cities associated with the Democratic party are going through a humanitarian crisis under a fascist regime. Cars are being left vacant on random blocks and parking lots. People are being disappeared while their children are being ziptied at 3 a.m. We

clergy and religious leaders have been shot with pepper spray and rubber bullets while demanding the freedom of our neighbors. No one deserves to live like this. This piece does not truly capture the pain I hold every day, between keeping track of what is happening in Gaza, resisting fascism, and dealing with yet another economic collapse under capitalism.

But let me tell you something good. . . I still believe in humanity. When I watched people in Gaza prepare basic meals to break their fast during Ramadan during a genocide, I saw something good. When local neighbors saw our public vigil for disappeared people and chose to join us for a time of lament, I saw something good. When Colin Kaepernick paid for the independent autopsy of one of the Black men recently lynched,16 I saw something good. The good is people still choosing to be empathetic and compassionate in times of crisis. That is what Christ calls us to be.

The stranger who enters foreign land is often forced to flee their own home. It is rare for people to risk their entire livelihood and their family for anything other than necessity. For that reason, each portrait has a halo deeming them holy, sacred, and divine. I used sparkling gold paper to break up each distinct image. Look deeply at these portraits. The top left is inspired by the Maasai people, a nomadic group that dwells across borders. The top right image is an indigenous woman and her child, a nod to Mary and Jesus. She has a red palm across her mouth which is a tribute to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and "Two-Spirit" people. The bottom left is a slightly aging man from Mesoamerica. The bottom right is a woman in hijab, which is commonly targeted in Islamophobic spaces. Look at the people some consider to be a threat. Look at our neighbors. Migrants are sacred. Fuera ICE.*

*"Fuera" can be translated to "out" or "away." ICE is an acronym for the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, which began enacting raids in US cities at the time these resources were created (2025).