

# Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



Tinsley, 4, Kindernook Blue Room

**April 19, 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**

*Tune 88*

Jeff Lorber

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather as those who have heard the news — Christ is risen, and peace is the word spoken over our lives.

**All: We come with our doubts and our longing, trusting that the risen Christ meets us here, and sends us out as witnesses of hope.**

**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. 1-2)*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Joyce Davis

Children are invited forward 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: Psalm 16

Reader: Dave Wingert

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."  
As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.  
Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.  
I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*We Walk By Faith*  
Countryside Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

## SECOND LESSON: John 20:19-31

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**MESSAGE**

*The Fear of Knowing*

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 kin-dom 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)**

**Gracious God, you meet us not in perfection, but in truth.**

**Receive these gifts, given from hearts still learning to trust,  
and use them to bring healing, justice, and hope.**

**May what we offer today become part of your living presence in the world. Amen.**

**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**

*Black Orpheus*

Luiz Bonfá

**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 #595 *Be Thou My Vision*

**†BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

**POSTLUDE**

*Moments Notice*

John Coltrane

Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director - Matt Wallace, sax  
Alex Ritter, organ and piano - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

## Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Steve Gomez wishing Dinah Gomez a very Happy Early Birthday! *I love you!*

## 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:**

With joyful hearts we welcome the **Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey** as our Minister for Care, Connection and Formation.

April provides a bridge as nature transforms winter's chill into spring renewal with blooming flowers, budding trees and vibrant green grass. Spring reminds us that a fresh start is possible, with a mix of rainy days and sunshine. It is a time for hope, growth, and joy.

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

Prayers of support and comfort for **Roger (Judy) Waible** as he experiences additional health issues.

Prayers of comfort and support for the family of **Madeline Churchich** who died on April 9.

We continue to pray for all those who continue to undergo chemotherapy and those who need our support as they live with other health issues.

We pray for all of those who are affected by the recent severe weather.

**On the Cover** For the next five weeks, the front of our Sunday bulletin will feature artwork created by the talented young artists of Kindernook! For more information on Kindernook or the *Our Amazing Artists* project, contact Anne Jackson at [annej@countrysideucc.org](mailto:annej@countrysideucc.org).

## 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!

