Countryside Community Church WORSHIP



Something Old, Something New, Jan Richardson

November 8, 2026

Order of Worship November 8, 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 *Shining Bright* arr. Linda R. Lamb
Countryside Ringers - Adam Witte, director

WELCOME & †CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas
One**:** God of the foolish and the wise, we come with humble hearts.
Many: Open our eyes to the presence of your inbreaking love,
One**:** And make us ready for the kin-dom work that calls us forth.
Many: With oil in hand, and lamps alit, may we shine your light for all to see!

†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 MOMENT David McGinness
Children are invited to come forward for a time with David at the chancel. **Caregivers please pickup your child after the service in Priscilla** (Choir Room). Nursery is available for children birth through pre-K.

SUNG RESPONSE **Hymn #437 *Go Now in Peace***
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 78:1-7 Reader: Nancy Cohen

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.
He established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. André Thomas

Countryside Choir - Carlos Figueroa, djembe

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13 Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE *More Than We Can Borrow* Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey

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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

"Imagine More" Stewardship Team David Day

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 percent 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!

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, you call us to a daring faith. You promise blessing and abundance to those the world has long forgotten. You call the Church to expect more than we can imagine from your faithful right hand. Empower us by the hope we share, that we may become to one another, the love we have known in Christ. Multiply the gifts of our hearts and sanctify the offerings of our lives. Amen.

Sending

†SENDING HYMN Hymn #5 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1, 4)

†BENEDICTION Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey

POSTLUDE

Countryside Ringers and Countryside Choir - Adam Witte, director
Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, djembe

Joys & Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list. 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 in Countryside's Thursday morning prayer group, contact Rev. Maggie Kennedy Morey at maggiekm@countrysideucc.org or (402) 884-8025.

Prayers of Gratitude for the following Joys:

We celebrate with **Renee Besancon** for her friend Tray Cantrell, who is well and cancer free after her double mastectomy; she will not have to undergo chemotherapy or radiation.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks not just for the big moments, but in the ordinary ones, too. We give thanks for the food we eat and for the air we breathe, and the quiet moments of joy that make up our days.

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

Our prayers are with **Mike (Heidi) Bonner** as he deals with ongoing health issues.

We pray with **Tom (Ann) Scates,** who is home after a brief stay in the hospital with pneumonia.

Sheila Christian requests prayers of comfort and healing for a surgical revision on her knee November 10.

Rev. Charlene Wozny is doing well and recovering from surgery on November 5.

We pray with **Louis (Dan) Malabas** for Louis' father, Luis, in the Philippines who has suffered a stroke.

Our prayers are with **Geoff and Pam Kregg** and their family, as they mourn the sudden passing of Geoff's brother, Mark, on Saturday, October 17.

Prayers for **Laurie Sample** as she receives chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

We pray with **De Schmierer** for her niece Tami Jalapa, as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

2027 Stewardship Campaign - Imagine More

Our giving becomes something much bigger than a number on a pledge card. It becomes a child discovering faith and belonging. It becomes music that brings beauty into worship. It becomes a meal for a neighbor who needs one. It becomes a community where people can ask questions, grow, serve, celebrate, grieve, and know they belong. This is what it means to **Imagine More.**

To make a 2027 Pledge

- complete a pledge card
- visit countrysideucc.org/imaginemore
- scan the QR code
- text PLEDGE to 59409

Countryside Giving

Give a little, help a lot! Scan the QR code to support Countryside's mission, The Box and Fingerprints. Or text GIVE to 59409.
Your generosity keeps our community warm, welcoming and full of life!