



March 27, 2022
Journey to Jerusalem
Messy, Reckless love
Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Faith Singers, Tyler Gruttemeyer, director
C4 Choir, Dr. A. Barron Breland, director
InYoung Park, cello - Matt Wallace, sax and flute
Carlos Figueroa, percussion
Alex Ritter, organ and piano

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music

Words of Welcome / Mission Statement

UCC Statement of Faith

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Announcements / Easter Offering

Dan Loven-Crum

Order of New Members

March, 2022

Nancy Deetz, Holly Kelley

Rachel Mahlberg and Pete Danielson

Amy and Mike Phillips

Tom Welch

Robyn Hubbard, Officiator

Examen:

Carlos Figueroa

Call to Worship

Marcia Blum

Musical Reflection:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing -
arr. Roland Martin

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Jeremy Wadhams

Scripture:

Luke 13:1-21

Marcia Blum

Musical Reflection:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - arr. Eric Nelson

Reflection

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Musical Meditation:

If You but Trust in God to Guide You -
arr. David Cherwein

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer

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Congregational Hymn:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(see reverse for hymn)

Countryside Blessing

Don Giger

Charge

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Who We Are:

We are an inclusive, open and affirming family of faith, welcoming all to God's table of love and acceptance. We are diverse, yet united by Christ's example.

We care for one another, support one another and challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

We work together to nurture our community and to promote peace, equality and justice in our conflicted world.

LENT ACTIVITIES

Lenten Journey by walking

The journey to Jerusalem will take place each Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. followed by prayer in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Please join Rev. Judy Waible as she walks Abraham's Bridge every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent. Abraham's Bridge is .25 miles for one round, four times around is a mile.

Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday

There will be Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary every Tuesday using words or phrases from the Bible. As you breathe in and out, you think the word or phrase which the Spirit has given you, and you continue to do this for the time you have chosen. We will practice this together in the sanctuary on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. during Lent. This practice will be led by Rev. Dr. Norman Pavey.

Prayers for the People will happen on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. These will be prayers for the church and for the congregation and any specific prayers people would like to bring to this holy place during this holy time.

Spiritual Practices on Thursday Evenings:

On Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during Lent in the Sanctuary there will be special spiritual practices offered.

March 31: Stephen Minister-led Sharing and Caring service in the Sanctuary

April 7: Walking prayer and meditation practice (labyrinth and Abraham's Bridge)

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by William O'Dell
in remembrance of Barbara O' Dell, wife and mother.

For the people in Ukraine,

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

Amen

Joys and Concerns

One way to nurture our church community is to pray for the members of our church family with both joys and concerns. If you would like to be included on the list in the bulletin or be on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Debbie Vihstadt at debbiev@countrysideucc.org or 402-391-0350.

JOYS:

Mitch (Molly) Anderson would like to thank the congregation for all of our prayers. He has felt lifted in prayer and has made great progress after a fall last week walking his son's dog. Thank you Countryside!

Val and Brian Newton would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ada June. She joins three-year-old twin big brothers, Liam and Gavin and proud grandparents **Bill and Margie Bolte**.

CONCERNS:

Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss has been diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and has been referred to a transplant team. Please lift Larry in prayer, and pray that he is able to receive a transplant. Please wrap Larry and Mary Jo in your prayers and love, even though they are miles away, let them feel the love of our Countryside family.

Roxanne (Mark) Draper had back surgery last week. Please pray for her recovery and that the procedure gives her the pain relief she has needed.

Judi (David) Ried has been moved to The Buffett Cancer Center. She still is having trouble breathing which is preventing her family from moving her to a skilled nursing facility and extensive rehab. She's on a lot of oxygen which means she can't be moved. Please pray for God's healing touch and pray to ease Judi's discomfort. Also pray for comfort for all those who are caring for Judi right now.

Mike (Jan) Brown was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He started his first of a four-cycle chemotherapy treatment last week. He is doing really well so far and is planning on a stem cell transplant this summer. Please pray for God's healing touch, that this treatment will put him into a long-term remission. Please pray for both Mike and Jan, that they feel God's divine presence for hope and strength through this difficult time.

Gloria (Rich) Mannel is still dealing with a wound on her foot from surgery that is not healing properly. Please pray for her strength to make a complete recovery and that she will be up and around soon.

Please pray for **Ardy Stultz** as she moves to radiation treatment for breast cancer. Please pray for her comfort and healing as she enters this next phase of her treatment.

Please pray for members of **Countryside** who are silently struggling with physical health, mental, or spiritual issues. Please lift them up in prayer and wrap them in your love.

MEMORIALS:

Kris (Steve) Hess's mother, JoAnn Stenberg, passed away last Sunday, March 20. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Heafey Hoffmann Dworak Cutler on Wednesday, March 30, and the funeral will be held at the Ralston United Church of Christ on Thursday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m.

With God we finally find contentment. The core of this prayer instructs our heart: "Yahweh, You alone are my portion and my cup; You make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance" (Ps 16:5-6)

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 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, or a joy you would like to share please contact Debbie Vihstadt at 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look
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down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink and live." I
un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I
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came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry worn and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and
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found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.