



April 3, 2022,
Journey to Jerusalem
Special Guest from Temple Israel
Rabbi Deana Sussman Berezin

Order of Worship

Gathering

Meeting God in Music:
Windows - Chick Corea

Words of Welcome / Announcements
Dan Loven-Crum

Examen:

Miroir - Ad Wammes

Call to Worship
Teri D'Agostino

Musical Reflection:
Stand By Me - Ben E. King

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment
Rebecca Morello

Scripture:
Leviticus 19:18
Teri D'Agostino

Reflection
Rabbi Deana Sussman Berezin

Musical Meditation

Responding to God's Word

Communion / Lord's Prayer
Rev. Don Sarton

Musical Reflection:
Everybody - Ingrid Michaelson

Countryside Blessing
Bob Davis

Search Committee Update
Postlude

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.

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

Music notes:

Ad Wammes is a contemporary Dutch composer rapidly gaining notoriety in the classical music world, having begun his musical career in a rock band. He is also well-known for writing the music for the Dutch version of Sesame Street. His ability to incorporate rock and pop music into his minimalist compositions makes his music very unique and compelling. *Miroir* is a meditative composition that blends minimalist influences with samba rhythms, gradually building from two flutes to full organ, as the music grows more intense. The right hand repeats a catchy riff for the entire 140 measures of the piece. The left hand and pedal interweave melodic material with this ostinato, as colors are added to create a crescendo to the final bar. Wammes says, "the shimmering textures create a hypnotic effect, like dancing rays or light reflected in the glass."

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Aly Amstutz and Christian Vihstadt, Vocals - Matt Wallace, sax - Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ
Carlos Figueroa, percussion - Steve Gomez, bass

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

JOYS:

Welcome to our new members!

CONCERNS:

Rick (Shannon) Avard's friend, Steve Shafner, passed away on March 30. He was a life-long friend of Rick's. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Avard and Shafner families.

Judi (David) Ried moved to Hillcrest Rehab last week and can finally have more than one visitor at a time. She would love to have visitors! Please pray for her comfort and healing.

Janelle Nash is at Lakeside Hospital with pneumonia. Please pray for her healing and comfort from symptoms.

Kari Fandazzo, had a spinal block put in on March 31 and her daughter, **Paisley**, has been experiencing trouble with ear infections. Please pray for healing and ease of pain for both Kari and Paisley.

Please pray for **Ardy Stultz** who is finished with chemotherapy and has transitioned to radiation treatment for her breast cancer. Please pray for her continued healing.

Sharon and Rick Royers's nephew, Michael Clouthier, will be having surgery on April 7 to remove a brain tumor. Please pray for a successful surgery and complete healing for Michael.

Mike (Jan) Brown is handling his chemo treatments well for his multiple myeloma. Please pray for his continued progress and ultimate remission from this disease.

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.

God of Many Names,

I need to know that you care, that you love me, be my refuge from pain, replacing my distress with peace, and be my strength when I feel weak and find it hard to carry on. Help me not to fear the future but to boldly trust that you are in control when my emotions plunge me down, and when I am in despair. Amen.