



Joy
Third Sunday of
Advent
Sunday, Dec. 17,
2023 10 a.m.
Mary's...Cave
Isaiah
61:1-4, 8-1,
Psalm 126
Luke 1:46b-55

Order of Worship 10 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude: *Carillon on a Ukranian Bell Carol* - Gerald Near

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Gathering Song: *Lead Us to Your Light* (vs.3)

Announcements / † Mission Statement / Pass the Peace

Dan Loven-Crum

† Hymn: *Make of My Heart a Stable*

Advent Wreath Lighting

Wadhams Family

Hearing God's Word

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

† Hymn #128 (vs.3): *One Candle is Lit*

Scripture:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126

Todd Samland

Choral Reflection: *Personet Hodie* - Will Todd

Message & Scripture:

Luke 1:46b-55

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

† Hymn: *Canticle of the Turning*

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Musical Meditation: *Ukrainian Bell Carol* - arr. Douglas Wagner

Sharing Our Gifts

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Choral Reflection: *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* - Howard Helvey

Communion

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

† Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Search Committee Blessing

Trish Hoffman-Ahrens

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude: *Gaudete!*

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

† Indicates those places where those who are able
are invited to stand.

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.

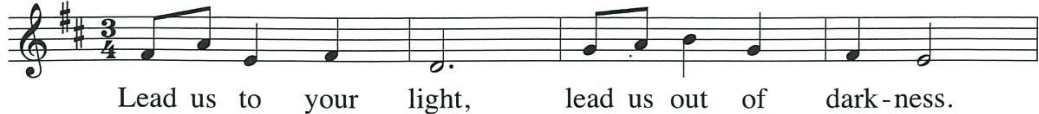
We care for one another, support one another and
challenge one another to become all that God creates us to be.

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

C4 and Bell Choir - Adam Witte and Tyler Gruttemeyer, directors
Tyler Gruttemeyer, vocals - Adam Witte, piano - Alex Ritter, organ and piano
Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

Lead Us to Your Light

Refrain



Verses



1. Lord, we a - wait your com - ing to our world;
2. Lord, you are hope and heal - ing for our world;
3. Come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.
4. Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slum - ber,
5. Child of the light and love be - yond all tell - ing,



bring us the gift of sal - va - tion.
come, now, and bring us your good news.
Come with us on earth here to dwell.
ban - ish the dark - ness of night.
fill our hearts with won - der and praise.

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 a.m. 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 on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at 402-391-0350, ext. 225 or sarahrj@countrysideucc.org

JOYS:

Please lift these joys with prayers of celebration and praise!

Christine Kasel shares this note of gratitude: "My deepest appreciation for the Countryside family and friends who supported me through my mother's recent passing. Your prayers, thoughts, emails, phone calls, hugs, coffee, conversations, cards and quiet moments have lifted and sustained me. I am truly blessed."

CONCERNS:

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

Jaimee (JJ) Johanning requests prayers for her aunt, Diane Bennett, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and is now on hospice care. We pray for comfort for the family during this tender time.

Kari Randazzo's father, Dan Rishel, will have heart surgery on Monday, Dec. 18 to repair aortic aneurysms. We pray for all to go well during and after surgery.

Beth Sparks had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, Dec. 13, and all went well. We pray for a full recovery for her!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Bev and Don Sarton

in memory of George and Alma Broomfield, Ollie and Oleta Sarton and Harold and Bess Beaumont.

2023 Contribution Deadline

Submit your final contributions of 2023 to the church before the end of the year. The IRS looks closely at charitable giving, and we want you to understand that for your contribution to be deductible in 2023, your contribution must be postmarked or physically received at the church office by December 31, 2023. Please note that your check date alone will not control which year your contribution applies to.

Click on the QR code to access today's Music Notes.



Make Of My Heart A Stable

♩ = 106

Amanda Udis-Kessler

C Am F2 C Dm Em Am7 F2 G

8 C C Am F2 C Dm

Make of my heart a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy
 Make of my life a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy
 Make of our church a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy

14 Em Am7 F2 G C

place for hope to live and grow.
 place for peace to live and grow.
 place for joy to live and grow.

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

Based on the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-58 STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
Words and Tune Adapt. Rory Cooney



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!