



The Arrow of Time
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Mark 1:29-39
February 4, 2024

Countryside Community Church
13130 Faith Plaza | Omaha, NE 68144 | 402-391-0350
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Order of Worship 10 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude: *Windows* - Chick Corea

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

† Gathering Song, Hymn #503 (vs. 1, 4, 5): *O Christ, the Healer*

Call to Worship

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

One: How wonderful it is to sing our praises to God!

Many: Praise the Lord who gathers us together.

One: God's mercy is given generously to all in need.

Many: We are never out of the reach of God's love.

One: Come, worship and celebrate. God is reaching out to you this day!

Many: Praise be to God who continually heals and forgives us.

Amen.

Pass the Peace

One: The Peace of God be With You

Many: And also with you.

(Please stand and share God's peace with your neighbors.)

† Hymn of Response (vs. 1): *All Are Welcome*

Hearing The Word

Children's Church

Rebecca Morello

First Lesson: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Dave Lundblad

Second Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Dr. Jenny Shultz-Thomas

Message: *The Arrow of Time*

Responding to The Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Choral Refection: *Let Your Light Shine* - Craig Courtney

A Time for Community

Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones

Sharing Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: God, who binds up the brokenhearted and heals the wounded, we come to you with gratitude for your abiding presence and generous care for us. With thanksgiving we offer back to you the blessings of our lives, and ask that you would doubly bless those in need. Bind up the brokenhearted, heal the wounded and comfort the afflicted. In Christ's name, Amen.

Musical Reflection: *Be a Light* - Thomas Rhett

Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Remembrance

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We serve gluten free bread and serve non-alcoholic grape juice.. Raise your hand if you would like a deacon to bring the elements to you.

Communion cups may be discarded in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

Communion Music:

Hymn #393: *One Bread, One Body* - Musical Meditation: *Let it Be* - Lennon/McCartney

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. 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

Hymn: *O God of Light, May Our Light Shine*

Countryside Blessing

Charlotte Wadhams

Postlude: *Day by Day* - Stephen Schwartz

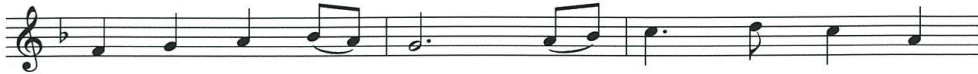
OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED. NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.
† Indicates those places where those who are able are invited to stand.

C4 Choir - Jim Larrabee, director - Julia Olynyk, vocals - Matt Wallace, sax
Rick Avard, piano - Alex Ritter, organ - Carlos Figueroa, drums - Steve Gomez, bass

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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!

Leslie (David) Summers-Day's daughter, Anna, learned this week that no surgery will be needed to remove the pituitary tumor that was recently discovered. Instead, she will take medication to shrink the tumor over time. Continued prayers for her tolerance of the unpleasant side effects of the medicine.

CONCERNS:

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

Andrew (Stacey) Carnazzo's mother, Cheryl, was admitted to the hospital last week and remains a patient while doctors continue to treat her and work to help her regain strength. Please lift prayers for healing for her and support for her family.

Nancy (Earl) Cohen asks for prayers for a co-worker who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is having surgery on Monday, Feb. 5.

Matt (Autumn) Cox's mother, Carmen, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 30. He, Autumn, and their daughter Violet traveled to Kansas City to say goodbye, have been traveling back and forth to prepare for the funeral on Friday, Feb. 2. Please pray for them in their grief and for safe travels.

We continue to pray for **Jodie Nichols**, who had emergency surgery for a detached retina at the end of last week. She is healing and we pray for a full recovery.

Johnna Roberts had foot surgery on January 4 and asks for continued prayers for her healing. She also shares a joy; the cataract removal she had in November was a great success!

Greg Atkinson was admitted to Methodist Hospital Thursday morning with his 30th bowel obstruction, the result of adhesions and internal scars from abdominal surgery to save his life in Vietnam. Please pray for his healing and pain relief.

Please keep **Tom (Ann) Scates** in prayer. Tom fell twice last weekend while they were in Phoenix, and during the second fall injured his back. X-rays thankfully showed no bone damage, but he did injure his muscles. Tom also was recently diagnosed with COPD. Please pray for pain relief and guidance for the doctors who are managing his condition.

Annual Report, Proposed By-Law changes and Rationale are available online at countrysideucc.org/annualmeeting

A limited number of copies of Annual Reports and Proposed By-Law Changes are available today in the church office.

Q&A Session Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Join us after services

11:15 in Marys' Hall

An insightful Q&A about crucial Bylaw Amendments. These changes are vital to our community's growth.
Your voice shapes our future—see you there!

Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by Deb and John McCollister wishing Dan McCollister and David Ledger a Happy Birthday.

The Countryside Community Church Annual Meeting!

Sunday, February 11, 11:45
a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

Sharing Our Gifts

The Box recipient - Lydia House

- Diapers. All sizes-sizes 4, 5 and 6 are most needed.

The Basket - Donate

- Support Countryside's ministries

Scan the QR code to access online giving for both the Box and Basket or visit countrysideucc.org/give

