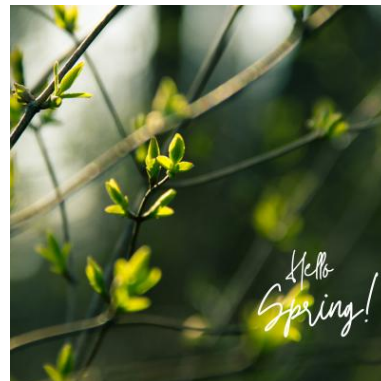


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# Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Pamela Rumancik & Rev. Karen Mooney  
Co-Ministers  
Monthly Theme: *Paying Attention*



**March 22, 2026**  
**Four Seasons: Spring**

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*The music played as people gather is intended to settle us into our time of worship.*

**Gathering Music**      *Giga in G minor* by Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

**Welcome & Announcements at 9:55 am**      Mike Berry, Board member

## –Order of Worship–

**Prelude**      *Spring - Allegro Concerto* from *No. 1 in E major, op. 8, RV 269*  
by Antonio Vivaldi

**Chalice Lighting**      *For Spring Equinox* by Lóre Stevens      Amy Zukoski

**Covenant**      We unite to strengthen the bonds of kinship among all persons; to promote human dignity; and to increase reverence for life's creating, sustaining, and transforming power through worship, study, and service.

**Musical Call to Worship**      *Welcome Spring* by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange/Vivaldi  
From a Thomas Morley madrigal *Now is the month of Maying*, based on Orazio Vecchi  
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, based on Zechariah 10:1 and Song of Solomon 2:11-13

*The spring clad all in gladness doth laugh at winter's sadness, fa, la.....  
The flowers from earth are springing, and now the birds are singing,  
They're singing to welcome spring.*

*Ask the Lord for rain, for the springtime rain,  
Thunderstorms and rain, Showers of rain swell the grain;  
Ask the Lord for spring time rain.*

*Arise my love, my fair one, come away.  
For lo, the winter is past, and spring is come at last fa, la...*

**Welcome**      Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Hymn # 1068**      *Rising Green* by Carolyn McDade

**Wonder Box & Message for All Ages**

Rev. Karen Mooney

*Because* by Mo Willems & Amber Ren

**Singing the Young People Out** *As You Go* by John Ruben Piirainen

Our young people take the light of our chalice with them to their classes.

*As you go, may joy surround you, as you go, go in peace.*

*Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go.*

**Service Partner Intro: Illinois Coalition for Detained Immigrants** Lillian Schnitzler

**Sharing/Offering** Share the Plate: Half of today's offering will be shared with the Association of UU Music Ministries (AUUMM), supporting music and worship arts professionals, leaders, and those they serve through advocacy, education, and inspiration. Donations can be made by:

- cash or check in the offering plate (envelopes are available on the hymnal carts); OR
- Use the QR code below or go to <https://bit.ly/CCUUgive>, create a profile & follow on screen instructions; OR
- text \$XX to 847-973-7344, where XX is the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register.

**Musical Offering** *Largo e pianissimo sempre in C# minor* by Antonio Vivaldi

*And in the meadow, rich with flower,  
To the sweet murmur of leaves and plants,  
The goatherd sleeps, with his faithful dog at his side.*

**Meditation/Quieting** *Falling in Love with Life on the Equinox* by Rosemerry

**Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Reflection Hymn # 123** *Spirit of Life* by UU Carolyn McDade

**Reading**

*A Spring Blessing* from *Circle of Life*  
by Joyce Rupp & Macrena Wiederkehr

Amy Zukoski

**Interlude** *Music, Sweet Music* by Antonio Vivaldi & Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Words from "Spring" by Eliza Cook  
*Music, sweet music, Sounds over all the Earth  
One glad choral song greets the primrose's birth.  
The lark soars, above with its shrill strain;  
The shepherd boy tunes his reedpipe on the plain.  
Music, sweet music, cheers meadow and lea.  
In the song of the blackbird the hum of the bee;  
The loud happy laughter of children at play  
Proclaim how they worship Spring's beautiful day.*

**Reading** from Llewellyn's Shabbat Essentials: Ostara

**Message** *Here Comes the Sun* Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Musical Reflection** *Allegro pastorale in E major by Vivaldi*  
*To the festive sound of pastoral bagpipes,*  
*Dance nymphs and shepherds,*  
*At Spring's brilliant appearance.*

**Benediction** Rev. Pam Rumancik

**Hymn # 29** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
words by Henry Van Dyke, music by Ludwig van Beethoven

**Chalice Extinguishing** We extinguish this flame, but not the light of its truth,  
The warmth of this community,  
nor the fire of our commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts and share with all the world.  
~ Elizabeth Selle Jones

**Choral Postlude** *To the Bagpipe's Sound* by Vivaldi, arr. Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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**Music Note:** This is the third of four seasonal music services which will be offered this year in honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. The summer service will be June 21.

**Thank you to:**

- The Strings: Karen Noorani, violin; Caroline Smith, violin; Hamilton Avila, viola; Alan Greenland, cello
- Worship Associate: Amy Zukoski
- Greeter(s):
- Usher(s):
- Coffee Host: David Williams

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