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# Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Pamela Rumancik & Rev. Karen Mooney  
Co-Ministers

*Monthly Theme: Paying Attention*

**March 29, 2026**

***The Thing with Feathers:  
What Hope Looks Like***

**Dr. Mary Lamb Shelden, pulpit guest**



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

**Gathering Music**

Dr. Janice L. Razaq, piano

**Welcome & Announcements at 9:55 am**

Ryan Schaeffges, Board member

## –Order of Worship–

**Choral Prelude**

*Pay Attention* by Joyce Johnson Rouse

**Chalice Lighting**

*Glow Hope* by Mary Shelden

Vlad Krastev

**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.

**Call to Worship**

*River Call* by Manish K. Mishra-Marzetti

Mary Shelden

**Hymn # 348**

*Guide My Feet*

**Message for All Ages**

*Hope is the Thing with Feathers*  
by Emily Dickinson, illust. Tim Hopgood

Joy Simon

**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.*

**Sharing/Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

*I Love Today* by UU Kim Kalesti

**Meditation**

**Joys & Concerns**

a Lay Minister

**Meditation Hymn #123**

*Spirit of Life*

**Reading**

from *Sycamore Trees* in [The Anthropocene Reviewed](#) by John Green

**Message**

*The Thing with Feathers: What Hope Looks Like*

Dr. Mary Lamb Shelden

**Anthem**

*Listen* by Reena Esmail

**Benediction**

*Benediction* by Christine Green

Mary Shelden

**Hymn # 159**

*This is My Song*

words by Lloyd Stone, music by Jean Sibelius

**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**

*Pay Attention* by Joyce Johnson Rouse

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**This morning's pulpit guest:** Dr. Mary Lamb Shelden is a lifelong, second-generation UU, a writer, a certified religious educator, a skilled facilitator and consultant, and a newly credentialed spiritual director, certified and commissioned this past May by Meadville Lombard Theological School. She is also a former director of religious education here at Countryside.

**Thank you to:**

- Worship Associate: Vlad Krastev
- Greeter(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Usher(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Coffee Host: David Williams

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