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Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Pamela Rumancik & Rev. Karen Mooney
Co-Ministers
Monthly Theme: *Awakening Curiosity*



May 24, 2026
Blessed Are You
Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles

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

Gathering Music *Székely Áldás (Székely Blessing)*
Arr. by UU Elizabeth Norton

Welcome & Announcements at 9:55 am Bailey Pierce, Board member

–Order of Worship–

Prelude Final Scene from *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland

Chalice Lighting

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.

Hymn # 308 *The Blessings of the Earth and Sky*
Words by UU Kenneth L. Patton, music by Johann Heermann Schein

Call to Worship

Message for All Ages *What Does Peace Feel Like?* read by Yvette Johnson
by V. Radunsky and children from around the world

Sharing/Offering

Share the Plate: Half of today's undesignated offering will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Society for Community Ministry (UUSCM), a professional organization of ordained and lay ministers affiliated with the UUA. UUSCM's mission is to support community ministers as they discern, articulate, promote,

and engage in their ministerial calling. Community Ministers are called to serve the greater community, locally and globally as chaplains, spiritual directors, state action network advocates, entrepreneurial ministers, community organizers, justice makers, and more. They preach with our lives. Donations can be made by:

- cash or check in the offering plate (envelopes are available on the hymnal carts); those viewing online may mail a check payable to Countryside Church UU to 1025 N Smith Rd, Palatine IL 60067; OR
- Use the QR code below or go to <https://bit.ly/CCUUgive>, create a profile & follow on screen instructions; OR
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Offertory *Blessing*, words by Rabbi Abraham Heschel, music by Joan Szymko

Meditation/Quieting

Joys & Concerns

a Lay Minister

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

Reading

Message

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Anthem

Blessed Are You by Marty Haugen, with adapted words

Closing Hymn # 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Responsive Benediction

Postlude

Taps by Gen. Daniel Butterfield

Taps originated during the American Civil War in July 1862. In 2012, Congress recognized the tune as the National Song of Remembrance.

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Today's minister is the Rev. Dr. C. Scot Giles, Countryside's Community Minister. Community Ministers in the Unitarian Universalist Association are required to be a member of a UU congregation and to possess a certification in some form of specialized ministry. Countryside Church is the Affiliated Congregation for Scot's work. Scot is a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. He specializes in working with persons who have life-changing medical problems and helps them using an advanced form of medical hypnosis. He is a Diplomate of the National Guild of Hypnotists, which is the highest level of professional rank that can be earned. In the small world of hypnotic practitioners, Scot is well known, and if anyone is interested, you will find the details on his website: www.CSGiles.org.

Thank you to:

- Worship Associate: Vlad Krastev
- Musicians: Alison Vernon, vocals & piano; Charles Vernon, trombone; Collin Smith, drums
- Greeter(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Usher(s): Elijah Krastev
- Coffee Host: David Williams



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