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Countryside Church
Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Dr. Emma K. Farrell, Minister

Monthly Theme: Courage

October 11, 2026
When I Actually Stopped

Mari Van Meter, worship leader

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–Order of Worship–

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

Gathering Music at 9:55 am *Song* from *Sea Pieces, Op. 55* by Edward MacDowell — Dr. Janice Razaq, piano

Welcome & Announcements at 10 am — Ryan Schaefges, Board member

Choral Prelude *Gather Your Courage* by Coco Love Alcorn with Moira, Mairi and Adah

Welcome/Call to Worship *An Invitation to Pay Attention* — Mari Van Meter

Chalice Lighting — Lois Phillips

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 # 1017 *Building a New Way*

Wonder Box

Message for All Ages *I Walk with Vanessa* by Kerascoët — Dr. Mary Shelden

Singing the Young People Out *Go Your Way in Peace* by Jim Scott

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

Go your way in peace, wander as you may.
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.

Sharing/Offering

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Musical Offering *Song without Words in C major, Op. 102, No. 6* by Felix Mendelssohn Dr. Janice L. Razaq, piano

Meditation/Quieting Mari Van Meter

Joys and Concerns Barbara Griggs, Lay Minister

Reflection Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Readings *Courage* by Anne Sexton from *The Awful Rowing Toward God*
Kindness by Naomi Shihab Nye

Message, pt.1 *When I Actually Stopped* Mari Van Meter

Responsive Reading *The Courage to See* by Mari Van Meter Lois Phillips

Message, pt.2 *When I Actually Stopped* Mari Van Meter

Anthem *Courage to Be Who We Are* by Ruth Huber

Extinguishing the Chalice

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

Hymn # 1021 *Lean On Me*

Benediction Mari Van Meter

Choral Postlude *Gather Your Courage*
by Coco Love Alcorn with Moira, Mairi and Adah

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Thank you to:

- Worship Leader: Mari Van Meter
- Worship Associate: Lois Phillips
- Greeter(s): *[no one signed up at time of printing]*
- Usher(s): Karen Epps
- Coffee Host: David Williams

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