





# Sacred Encounters

*Loving and Loving like Christ*

May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday

Order of Worship  
9:15 a.m.

Jammin' For Jesus!  
Welcome and Announcements  
Greeting One Another  
Gathering

### "America the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

Words by Katharine Lee Bates, 1904; Music by Samuel A Ward, 1888 CCLI #345300

### "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

**Chorus:**  
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. (Chorus)

Words & Music by Albert E. Brumley ©1932, renewed 1960 Albert E. Brumley & Sons CCLI #345300

### "Spirit Song"

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
And his Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life  
And make you whole.

**Chorus:**  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
Give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (Chorus)

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### Congregational Care

### "Amazing Grace" (Peaceful Easy Feeling)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

**Chorus:**  
I've got a peaceful, easy feeling  
And I know He won't let me down.  
Cause I'm already standing on higher ground.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed. (Chorus)

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**Final Chorus:**  
I've got a peaceful, easy feeling  
And I know He won't let me down.  
Cause I'm already standing on higher ground.  
Cause I'm already standing on higher ground.  
Yes, I'm already standing on higher ground.

John Newton

### "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Chorus:**  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been  
revived when we shall leave this place.

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Special Music "God Bless the USA" Lee Greenwood  
Scripture Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon Lanita Monroe  
Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Time of Meditation "Amazing Grace"  
"God Bless America"  
God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her and guide her  
through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies,  
to the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home!  
God bless America, my home sweet home!

Irving Berlin

Benediction  
Amen!

## Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band:**  
David Odegard (bass guitar), Annetta Deck (keys),  
Wade England (drums), Mark LaPointe (guitar),  
Nancy Winn (vocals)

Special thanks to Mark LaPointe for sharing his gift of music  
in today's worship service.

*NOTE: The Praise Band does sound checks between 8:30-9:00 a.m.  
It may be loud at times, but please understand it is totally necessary.*



### Sermon Notes:

### People I Met:

**Worship Services**  
8:00am Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
9:15am Sacred Encounters—Pavilion (through 10/04/2026)  
11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)  
(Images of those participating in worship may be visible in the live stream.)  
Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services

**Sunday Classes:**  
10:30am Christian Characters—Room 7 (note room change)  
10:30am Romans Study—Room 3 (note room change)

**Next Week's Scripture:**  
Matthew 28:16-20

### Ways to Give:



ENVELOPE—Check, cash ONLINE—www.ffgumc.org/give

## All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team:**

8:00am: Kathie Hillner (in-house audio)  
9:15am: David Farley, Jackson Prine (audio/stage hands)  
11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation),  
David Farley (in-house audio), Jackson Prine (streaming audio),  
Hazel Robinson (video projection), Ruth Kmiec (streaming)

Thanks also to our **Behind-the-Scenes Staff:**  
whose efforts help make Sunday worship possible:  
Ruth Kmiec (bulletins), Ruth Nelson (nursery)  
JoBeth Smith (hospitality), Lisa Williams (membership),  
Scott Lybarger (facility), Martha Waldo (custodian)

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