



PENTECOST XI  
08.24.2025

PLAY, WISDOM, AND THE COURAGE TO BEGIN

### Announcements

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TODAY – Blessing of the Backpacks  
SIGN UP – Wednesdays – An Exploration of Biblical Poetry  
Sept 6 – CotS Clean Up  
Wednesdays – Meditation  
Volunteerism + Tech

### Orientation – Jim Hamilton

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“Play is the work of childhood”  
*Fred Rogers*

### Song – Teach Us How to Pray

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Fall is here, hear the yell  
Back to school, ring the bell  
Brand new shoes, walking blues,  
Climb the fence, books and pens  
I can tell that we are gonna be friends  
Yes, I can tell that we are gonna be friends

Numbers, letters, learn to spell  
Nouns, and books, and show and tell  
Playtime, we will throw the ball  
Back to class, through the hall  
Teacher marks our height against the wall  
Teacher marks our height against the wall

Walk with me, Suzy Lee,  
Through the park and by the tree.  
We can rest upon the ground  
And look at all the bugs we found  
Safely walk to school without a sound  
We safely walk to school without a sound

And we don't notice any time pass  
We don't notice anything  
We sit side by side in every class  
Teacher thinks that I sound funny  
But she likes the way you sing

Well, here we are, no one else  
We walk to school all by ourselves.  
There's dirt on our uniforms,  
From chasing all the ants and worms  
We clean up now it's time to learn  
We clean up and now it's time to learn

Tonight I'll dream, while I'm in bed  
When silly thoughts go through my head  
About the bugs and alphabet  
And when I wake tomorrow, I'll bet  
That you and I will walk together again  
I can tell that we are gonna be friends  
Yes, I can tell that we are gonna be friends

### Welcome – Emily Oliver

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### Children's Message – Ashley Gordy

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God be in my head  
God be in my words  
God be in my heart  
God be in my hands  
God be in my whole self

### **Passing of the Peace**

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#### **Reading One – wisdom is not loud – yung pueblo**

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wisdom is not loud  
nor does it whisper

it is a resonance  
that realigns you with a better direction  
it is a knowing that arises with undeniable clarity  
it is an expression that makes the mind lighter

wisdom is gradual,  
often showing you the same truth  
but from different angles,  
until finally it clicks so deeply  
that it becomes part of your being

as the wisdom within you matures,  
it becomes easier to let go,  
to stop fighting yourself,  
and to move with nature instead of against it.

#### **Psalms 71:1-6**

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##### **RESPONSE**

**You are my hope, O God, my confidence.  
Sustain me, deliver me.**

**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.**

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

##### **RESPONSE**

**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.**

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

**RESPONSE**

**For you are my hope, O Lord God,  
my confidence since I was young.**

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

**RESPONSE**

**Prayers of the People – Jim Hamilton**

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**Song – Breathe On Me Breath of God**

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**O breathe on me, o breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love the things you love,  
And do what you would do**

**O breathe on me, o breath of God  
My will to yours incline,  
Until this selfish part of me  
Glow with your fire divine**

**O breathe on me, o breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until my will is one with yours,  
To do and to endure.**

**O breathe on me, o breath of God  
So shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
Of your eternity.**

**Reading Two – Jeremiah 1:4-10**

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The Message of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah of the family of priests who lived in Anathoth in the country of Benjamin. God's Message began to come to him during the thirteenth year that Josiah son of Amon reigned over Judah. It continued to come to him during the time Jehoiakim son of Josiah reigned over Judah. And it continued to come to him clear down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah over Judah, the year that Jerusalem was taken into exile. This is what God said:

**"Before I shaped you in the womb,  
I knew all about you.  
Before you saw the light of day,  
I had holy plans for you:  
A prophet to the nations—  
that's what I had in mind for you."  
But I said, "Hold it, Master God! Look at me.**

I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!"  
 God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.'  
 I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there.  
 I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it.  
 Don't be afraid of a soul.  
 I'll be right there, looking after you."  
 God's Decree.  
 God reached out, touched my mouth, and said,  
 "Look! I've just put my words in your mouth—hand-delivered!  
 See what I've done? I've given you a job to do  
 among nations and governments—a red-letter day!  
 Your job is to pull up and tear down,  
 take apart and demolish,  
 And then start over,  
 building and planting."

#### **Song – I Am Light – India Arie**

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<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
<b>I am not the things my family did</b>	
<b>I am not the voices in my head</b>	<b>I am not the color of my eyes</b>
<b>I am not the pieces of the brokenness</b>	<b>I am not the skin on the outside</b>
<b>inside</b>	<b>I am not my age</b>
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>I am not my race</b>
	<b>My soul inside is all light, all light</b>
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>Oh light, all light</b>
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	
<b>I am light, I am light</b>	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
	<b>I am light, I am light</b>
<b>I'm not the mistakes that I have made</b>	<b>I am divinity defined</b>
<b>Or any of the things that caused me pain</b>	<b>I am the God on the inside</b>
<b>I am not the pieces of the dream I left</b>	<b>I am a star, a piece of it all</b>
<b>behind</b>	<b>I am light</b>

#### **Sermon – Jim Hamilton**

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### **Song – I Can Cross the Sea – The Welcome Wagon**

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I can cross the sea,  
If you'll come with me  
Take a seat beside  
We'll cross this water wide

I feel strong when we are together

I can cross the sea,  
If you'll come with me  
Storm and wind and waves  
My courage melts away

Down below, the monsters beneath us  
But I know they can't come between us  
I feel strong, but still  
Will you hold my hand?

I can cross the sea,  
If you'll come with me  
Take a seat beside  
We'll cross this water wide

I feel strong when we are together  
To take on the heaviest weather  
I belong with you  
Until we reach the shore

### **Eucharist & Post Communion Prayer**

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*All are welcome at the Eucharistic table. If you do not wish to participate, feel free to take this time for meditation or personal reflection.*

### **Prayer and Blessing – Jim Hamilton**

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### **Song – Big Yellow Taxi – Joni Mitchell**

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They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot  
With a pink hotel, a boutique  
And a swinging hot spot

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise

Put up a parking lot

They took all the trees  
Put 'em in a tree museum  
Then they charged the people  
A dollar and a half just to see 'em

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot

Hey, farmer, farmer  
Put away that DDT now  
Give me spots on my apples  
But leave me the birds and the bees  
Please!

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot

Late last night I heard the screen door slam  
And a big yellow taxi took away my old man

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot

I said  
Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot

They paved paradise  
Put up a parking lot  
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Put up a parking lot

Dismissal – Jim Hamilton

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