



August 16, 2026 | 10:00am

WWII & the G.I. Bill

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC | *Music of the 1940s | Jack Pott, soloist; Susan Carroll, piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | *Rev. Lara Franklin*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Every nation has its stories.

All: Stories that shape who we are.

One: This summer, we explore the stories of U.S.

All: And we seek the larger story of God.

One: We gather as people who have inherited much—
stories and struggles, freedoms and responsibilities, the faith and labor of generations before us.

All: And we gather as people who are still building.

One: God calls us to seek what is good, to repair what has been broken, and to make room for hope to take root.

All: We will not be content only to receive.

We will ask what we are called to give.

One: For the work of justice, for the work of peace, for neighbors we know and generations we will never meet—

All: God, make us builders of a future where all your children can flourish.

One: Come, let us worship the God who meets us in what has been,
is present in what is and calls us toward what can yet be.

All: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #381** | *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

STORIES OF U.S. | WWII & the G.I. Bill

OFFERTORY | *Strange Things Happen Every Day* by Sister Rosetta Tharpe | Schauntice Shepard, soloist; Susan Carroll, piano;
Nick Cutroneo, guitar; John Giacchi, drums

Oh, we hear church people say we are in this holy way. There are strange things happening every day. On that last great judgment day when they drive them all away, there are strange things happening every day

Every day (every day), every day (every day), There are strange things happening every day (every day).

Every day (every day), every day, there are strange things happening every day.

If you want to view the crime you must learn to quit your line. There are strange things happening every day.

If you hew right to the line you can live right all the time. There are strange things happening every day.

Jesus is the holy light, turning darkness into light. There are strange things happening every day.

Oh, he gave the blind man sight and he praised him with all his might. There are strange things happening every day.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE | *Luke 14:28-30; Isaiah 58:12*

SERMON | *Stories of U.S.: Repairers of the Breach* | Rev. Lara Franklin

GIFT OF MUSIC | *Jesus is Here to Stay* by Sister Rosetta Tharpe | Schauntice Shepard, soloist; Susan Carroll, piano;
Nick Cutroneo, guitar; John Giacchi, drums

Let us pray pray pray ... pray pray pray, and give thanks unto the Lord. We're going to glory, we'll fall down on our knees, coz Jesus is here to stay. (repeat)

Let us sing sing sing ... sing sing sing, for I know he's here to stay. I can feel him in my soul coz he has made me whole, and Jesus is here to stay.

Let us shout shout shout ... shout shout shout. Let the world know just what it's all about. He rose from the grave. My soul he has saved because Jesus is here to stay.

Let us march march march ... march march march to the altar of the Lord. We'll sing his praises aloud and shout, shout with the crowd, coz Jesus is here to stay

Let us pray pray pray ... pray pray pray, and give thanks unto the Lord. We're going to glory, we'll fall down on our knees, coz Jesus is here to stay.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | *Susan Carroll, piano*

**Please rise on your feet or in your heart.*