



July 6, 2025 | 10:00 am

Beautiful

Psalm 131:1-3; Psalm 133:1-3

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

Great Things
Who You Say I Am
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Battle Belongs

MESSAGE: Paul Dean

NEXT WEEKEND

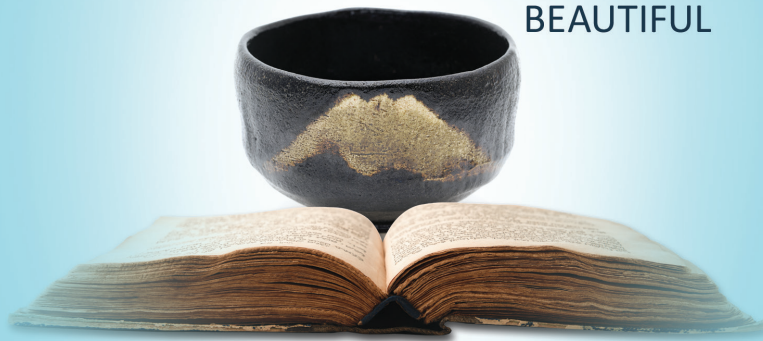
Bluegrass Worship

July 12-13 | All worship services

Enjoy the sounds of mandolin,
banjo, bass and fiddle!

Join us for this special weekend
and bring a friend - or two!

Shaped AND SHATTERED BEAUTIFUL



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am (outdoors)

If you're planning to attend an outdoor service, bring a lawn chair and watch for weather alerts at popmn.org.

Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Register for Worship Arts Camp by July 8!

July 28 – 31 | 9 am – 4 pm | \$120 | Ages 3 – Completed Grade 5

Sign up to participate or volunteer at popmn.org.

Register for the Women's Ministry Fall Retreat!

November 15 – 16 | Mount Olivet Retreat Center, Farmington

Join us for meaningful activities, reflection, community, and keynote speaker Annie Meehan: popmn.org/register

Mission Outpost Backpack Giveaway

\$20 can help us provide a student with a backpack! If you'd like to contribute, pick up a tag from one of the School Supply Drive locations and return it to the Welcome Desk by the end of July.

Looking ahead – Save these dates!

Rally Sunday festivities will take place on September 14, and registration for family ministry opens on August 1.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



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Trust the Story | Shaped and Shattered | 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.*

These words were written by a 33-year-old college professor named Katharine Bates in the 1890s after a cross-country train trip. Inspired by her travels through vast, untouched lands, she sat at the top of Pikes Peak and wrote a poem called “America.” This poem would later be set to music and become what we call “America the Beautiful.”

Think about the most beautiful thing you have ever seen.

What is it? What makes it so beautiful?

What are the most beautiful things about your home and your family?

What are the most beautiful things about your community, your community of faith, your country?

What amazing thing have you witnessed this year that just takes your breath away?

Where do you see God at work, sowing beauty and grace with wild abandon?

Beauty can be complicated. Fresh snow becomes gray and muddy. Bouquets of flowers wither and the water in the vase gets putrid and discolored. An amazing dinner might indicate a huge mess in the kitchen. Brightly colored animals are often poisonous. Even your favorite humans can drain your patience and contort their faces into a horrible scowl.

Think about beauty in your life that’s complicated.

What continues to draw you back to these beautifully complicated things?

Are they worth it? What gives them value?

Despite the song’s title, we might agree that America is not always beautiful. Katharine Bates wrote her poem in the midst of sexist prejudice and discrimination. She couldn’t vote. She had witnessed the ravages of the industrial revolution, had seen firsthand urban poverty and misery, and keenly wished for equality.

In the time since Bates wrote this poem, there are places where human hands have wrought destruction upon our landscape. There are rivers filled with poison. There are mountains that no longer have peaks and forests that no longer have trees. Humans do some ugly things. There are days when America does not feel beautiful.

What is not beautiful in this country right now?

What ugly thing have you witnessed this year that just hurts your heart?

Where are people sowing scarcity and hatred where there could be abundance and love?

What message of hope, and what instruction, can you find in Psalm 133:1?

What does Katharine Bates mean when she writes: “God shed his grace on thee”?

Is there grace and hope for us, even now? How can we make that tangible for each other?

What is our calling, individually and collectively, in this moment?