

*Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
 United Church of Christ
 May 24, 2026
 Pentecost Sunday*

The heart is a bloom
 Shoots up through the stony ground
 There's no room
 No space to rent in this town
 You're out of luck
 And the reason that you had to care
 The traffic is stuck
 And you're not moving anywhere
 You thought you'd found a friend
 To take you out of this place
 Someone you could lend a hand
 In return for grace
 It's a beautiful day
 Sky falls, you feel like
 It's a beautiful day
 Don't let it get away
 You're on the road
 But you've got no destination
 You're in the mud
 In the maze of her imagination
 You're lovin' this town
 Even if that doesn't ring true
 You've been all over
 And it's been all over you
 It's a beautiful day
 Don't let it get away
 It's a beautiful day

Beautiful Day
 U2

Touch me
 Take me to that other place
 Teach me
 I know I'm not a hopeless case
 See the world in green and blue
 See China right in front of you
 See the canyons broken by cloud
 See the tuna fleets clearing the sea out
 See the Bedouin fires at night
 See the oil fields at first light and
 See the bird with a leaf in her mouth
 After the flood all the colors came out
 It was a beautiful day
 Don't let it get away
 Beautiful day
 Touch me
 Take me to that other place
 Reach me
 I know I'm not a hopeless case
 What you don't have you don't need it now
 What you don't know you can feel it somehow
 What you don't have you don't need it now
 Don't need it now
 It was a beautiful day

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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.

Centering Prayer

"It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the universe might be looking for company...Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions." Bono, of U2 (*The Christian Century*, 9/6/2005)

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"MLK"

U2

Jordan Holsapple, soloist

*Call to Worship

Michelle Grainger, Liturgist

Liturgist: The Spirit moves in mysterious ways.

People: Move my spirit, hold me.

Liturgist: Lift my days, and light up my nights.

People: Move my spirit, keep me.

Liturgist: The Spirit moves in mysterious ways.

People: Move my spirit, take me.

Liturgist: The Spirit moves in mysterious ways.

People: Move my spirit, teach me.

*Hymn

"Loving Spirit"

No. 135

*Prayer of Invocation (lyrics from "Sometimes You Can't Make it on Your Own", "Acrobat", "One")

Liturgist: You don't have to put up a fight, you don't have to always be right.

People: One love, one blood one life – you got to do what you should.

Liturgist: Listen to me now, I need to let you know, You don't have to go it alone.

People: One life, with each other, sisters, and my brothers. One life, but we're not the same – we get to carry each other.

Liturgist: Sometimes you can't make it, Best you can do is to fake it. Sometimes you can't make it on your own.

People: And I'd join the movement, if there was one I could believe in, Yeah I'd break bread and wine, if there was a church I could receive in. 'Cause I need it now.

Response

"Gloria Patri"

No. 734

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Anthem

"One"

U2, arr. Michael Hartigan

Sunday School Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer (words of the prayer taken from the U2 songs: "Magnificent", "White as Snow", "The First Time", "The Wanderer", "The Playboy Mansion", "Love Rescue Me and Grace")

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*Prayer of Dedication

Special Music "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" U2
The Praise Band

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11 OT pg. 178
Psalm 40 OT pg. 497

Sermon "We Get to Carry Each Other" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Jesus Christ" Woody Guthrie, U2
*Verses will be sung by members of Uke2,
the congregation is invited to sing with the refrain.*

Refrain: **"Halle, Hallelujah. Halle, Hallelujah. Halle, Hallelujah.
For they laid Jesus in his grave."**

***Benediction** "40" U2
Led by Uke2

Response

**How long to sing their song? How long to sing their song?
How long? How long? How long? How long?
To sing their song?**

Postlude "City of Blinding Lights" U2

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

10 Spiritual Lessons

(from *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel According to U2*, Greg Garrett)

1. **“But I still haven’t found what I’m looking for”** (from “I Still Haven’t Found What I am Looking For,” *The Joshua Tree*):
Life is a journey, not a destination; faith is a means, not an end. It’s okay to go on looking, especially if you’ve got the sense you know which direction you’re traveling.
2. **“Hello, hello (Hola!)/ I’m at a place called vertigo”** (from “Vertigo,” *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*):
Contemporary life is disconcerting, destabilizing. That is its nature. Don’t expect it to be otherwise. That’s why we seek meaning from something outside of all of this chaos – because sometimes it can be so hard to find it in the events of the day - to - day noise and confusion.
3. **“We get to carry each other”** (from “One,” *Achtung Baby*):
Our lives are for and with one another. We need one another to be who we are called to be. And not only are we called to carry one another – we are permitted to. It is a grace and a mercy for us as well as for those who need our help.
4. **“The goal is elevation”** (from “Elevation,” *All That You Can’t Leave Behind*):
We are seeking transcendence for ourselves, our spirits, our world. We know it when we find it, and for many people, it can be found most reliably in the world of the Spirit.
5. **“I can’t believe the news today. I can’t close my eyes and make it go away”** (from “Sunday Bloody Sunday,” *War*):
Ignoring the brokenness we see is not an option; we are called to bring healing and hope, to help transform the world. When good people turn away, in some ways it’s worse than the actions of bad people. So however difficult it may be – look. It’s the first step in knowing what needs doing.

6. **“It’s a beautiful day. Don’t let it slip away.”** (from “Beautiful Day,” *All That You Can’t Leave Behind*):
We live in a marvelous creation. Pay attention to it. It’s a gift from God, a gift that we’ll never have again, and in this gift of beauty, we have an inkling of the God of beauty, the Creator God who gave it to us.

7. **“What more in the name of love?”** (from “Pride in the Name of Love,” *The Unforgettable Fire*):
Risk everything for love; there is no higher value. Love changes everything, including us. History shows us that the power of love endures; even after death, love can go on making a difference in the world.

8. **“We need love and peace”** (from “Love and Peace or Else,” *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*):
War and cruelty destroy lives and demean the human spirit. We need to seek other solutions than an eye for an eye, and we need to learn to return love for hate, or nothing will every change.

9. **“Sometimes you can’t make it on your own”** (from “Sometimes You Can’t Make it on Your Own,” *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*):
It’s no shame to rely on others. We are made for companionship – especially in tough times. A community – or a dear friend – can make all the difference when we face tragedy, difficulty, or exhaustion.

10. **“Walk on”** (from “Walk On,” *All That you Can’t Leave Behind*):
Be strong. You can lose everything, but what matters most. Don’t despair, even when the daylight feels like it’s a long way off. Don’t stop working for the healing of the world. You are never alone. We are all in this together.

The Lead Deacon this month is Nancy Tariot assisted by Ralph Giannetti.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 24 th	10:00 am 11:15am 2:00 pm	Worship/Sunday School Church Council Meeting Troop 34 Family Life Merit Badge Training
Monday, 25 th	Memorial Day	June Voice Deadline Business Office Closed
Tuesday, May 26 th	6:00 pm	Beatles Bible Discussion Group
Wednesday, 27 th	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 27 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Saturday, 30 th	9:00 am	Annual Yard Sale
Sunday, 31 st	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship/Baptism/Sunday School Annual Corporate Meeting
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Wednesday, 3 rd	6:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 4 th	12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Ice Cream Social at the Meadows to benefit Jack & Jill Troop 34 Meeting
Sunday, 7 th Confirmation	10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Worship/Confirmation/Communion/Sunday School Attleboro Pride Flag Rising Attleboro Vendor Fair

Beatles Bible Discussion Group, Tuesday May 26th at 6pm

Bloomin'4 Good Bouquets (\$11.99) purchased in the month of May at Stop & Shop located at 469 Pleasant St. Attleboro, will give back \$1 to the Second Church Food Pantry.

Annual Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale Saturday May 30th , 9am – noon

Sunday May 31st Annual Corporate Meeting at 11:15am

Come enjoy an ice cream Thursday June 4th, a Jack & Jill Fundraiser, at The Meadows 12pm – 5pm, make sure you mention J&J when you order.

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Loving Spirit

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1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed;
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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