

Second Scripture Reading – Songs of Songs 1:15 – 2:2 and 2:8-14 (CEB)

¹⁵ Look at you—so beautiful, my dearest! Look at you—so beautiful! Your eyes are doves! ¹⁶ Look at you—so beautiful, my love! Yes, delightful! Yes, our bed is lush and green! ¹⁷ The ceilings of our chambers are cedars; our rafters, cypresses. I'm a rose of the Sharon plain, a lily of the valleys. ² Like a lily among thorn bushes, so is my dearest among the young women.

⁸ Listen! It's my lover: here he comes now, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands now, outside our wall, peering through the windows, peeking through the lattices. ¹⁰ My lover spoke and said to me, "Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go." ¹¹ Here, the winter is past; the rains have come and gone. ¹² Blossoms have appeared in the land; the season of singing has arrived, and the sound of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³ The green fruit is on the fig tree, and the grapevines in bloom are fragrant. Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go. ¹⁴ My dove—in the rock crevices, hidden in the cliff face—let me catch sight of you; let me hear your voice! The sound of your voice is sweet, and the sight of you is lovely."

Sermon – “Beautifully Made”

Song of Response #338 – “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (v. 1 & 3) *Materna*
(verse one)

**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!**

(verse three)

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Thoughts of Worship

Ron Loree

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

God of Our Fathers (the U.S. National Hymn)

Gene Roberson