

Thank you for joining us, we're glad you're here!

05/17/26 Order of Service:

- Welcome
- Worship
 - Hymn of Heaven
 - Come Thou Fount
 - Revelation Song
- Announcements / Kid Church Dismissal / Greeting Time
- Message:
 - Road to Sinai Pt. 4: Encountering the Holy
- Closing Song
 - Give Us Clean Hands
- Jude & Closing Benediction

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 20:18-26

AWESTRUCK BY HOLINESS (EX 20:18-21)

After obeying the consecration instructions and appearing at the base of the mountain at God's request, God's MANIFEST presence descends on Mt. Sinai with wonder, power, and majesty –God shows up in His HOLINESS. The people are awestruck and fear for their lives because there is a distinct and radical DIFFERENCE between the divine and human realms. The closer we are to holiness, the more we realize our own SINFULNESS.

ALLEGIANCE TO THE ALMIGHTY (EX 20:22-23)

GOD reiterates the importance of worshipping Him alone, and once again speaks to them of religion, worship, and reverence. The holiness of God revealed on Mt. Sinai underscores the idea that God, and God alone, demands our exclusive DEVOTION – our hearts should be focused entirely on Him – undistorted by cultural pressures or personal IDOLS! God wants our undivided ALLEGIANCE to Him.

ALTAR OF GRACE (EX 20:24-26)

This portion of Scripture is referred to as the ALTAR law. Building altars or traveling to them to offer sacrifice represented the most visible sign of devotion to YAHWEH in the old covenant. Functioning as the physical reminders of God's promises and mighty acts of salvation, a place that worshippers could offer sacrifice to re-establish HARMONY with God. The central premise is that of ATONEMENT. Altars are therefore symbolic of God's Grace. And no more is that evident than how Jesus Christ was sacrificed as an atonement for the sin of the WORLD. Christians are to offer SPIRITUAL sacrifices on the Altar of Grace (Jesus Christ).

CONCLUSION

The closer we get to God the more aware we are of the depth of our sinfulness. God's holiness demands our loyalty; we realize that we can't keep the strict requirements and need a mediator. God has provided that mediator in Jesus Christ. Our challenge today is to allow the Holy Spirit to search us, to embrace God's call on our lives to be fully devoted to Him and ask Him how we can better live for Christ and represent Him to those around us.

Notes:

Upcoming Events

May 28th – Community Meal 5PM

June 11th – Merrilan Meals and Music 5PM @ Gile Park

5.17.2026

Encountering the Holy (Exodus 20:18–26)

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Welcome to

Alma Center Assembly of God

Today's Message:



Part 4: Encountering the Holy

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