

## What Are Some Examples of A Sacred Space?

- ⌘ The Garden of the Gods – Colorado Springs, CO (Shanna Schutte)<sup>5</sup>
- ⌘ UNITE “One Accord” Prayer – Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month
- ⌘ UNITE “A Morning / Day with God” – Every other year usually
- ⌘ A Personal “Day with God” – Anytime you like!
- ⌘ Sunday Morning Prayer – 8:30 – 9:00 am
- ⌘ Tuesday Ladies’ Prayer – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- ⌘ Joel 1:14 – The Sacred Assembly / Daniel 6:10-11 – Daniel’s Upper Room



## What About Your Sacred Space?

- ⌘ Mark 11:1 – Jesus had a certain place He liked to pray.
- ⌘ Mark 1:35 – Jesus was dedicated to prayer & solitary places.
- ⌘ “Now more than ever, we need such a theology of Sacred Assembly... We should reorient our practice, whether in cave or cathedral, to this theological vision.”<sup>6</sup>
- ⌘ What About You?
  - ↳ Where has God been at work most in your life?
  - ↳ What are the sacred places where you can hear Him most?
  - ↳ Application:
    - 1) Decide where you will go to hear from the Lord.
    - 2) Then decide when you will go.
    - 3) Then do it.
  - ↳ Practical Questions:
    - 1) Do I have a sacred space and if so, where is it?
    - 2) Do I need to revisit that sacred space more frequently?
    - 3) How can I create a sacred space if I don’t currently have one?
    - 4) The most sacred place of all is in your heart!

## Salvation Prayer

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin.

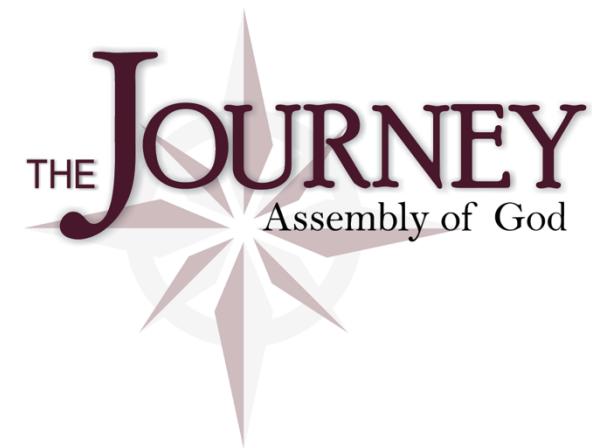
I believe You are the Son of God.

I Believe You died for my sins on the cross of Calvary.

I Believe You were buried and that You rose again three days later.

I ask You to be my Lord & Savior Today.

In Jesus’ Name I Pray. Amen.



## MESSAGE GUIDE

*Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer  
Sunday: January 11, 2026*



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Date: January 11, 2026

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Today's Message:

SERIES: 2026 NEW YEAR'S THEME

Sacred Spaces

#1 "Creating Sacred Spaces  
With God"

Text: Genesis 28:10-18; Exodus 3:1-6; Joel 1:14; Daniel 6:10-11;  
Matthew 6:5-18



## **2026 NEW YEAR'S THEME** **"Sacred Spaces"**

### **The Sacred Hour**

### **Why Sacred Spaces?**

⌘ Psalm 5:3 – "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up."

### **Resources**

⌘ Experiencing Him In Sacred Places – Shana Schutte

↳ <https://www.wisdomhunters.com/experiencing-him-in-sacred-places/>

↳ <https://www.wisdomhunters.com/remembering-shana-schutte/>

⌘ The Worship Initiative – Shane Bernard & Shane Everett

↳ <https://sing.theworshipinitiative.com/>



### **Key Question:**

⌘ How can I create sacred spaces in my life that allow me to be aware of God's presence more?

### **Sacred Spaces in the Bible: (See Insert)**

#### **What Is A Sacred Space?**

⌘ "Sacred places can be anywhere because God is everywhere. The whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>1</sup>

↳ Genesis 28:10-18; 31:45 – Jacob Erects A Pillar od Stone at Bethel

↳ Exodus 3:1-6 – God Meets Moses at the Burning Bush

⌘ "Christian communities have always considered the concept of holy space an essential part of their worship... The concept of sacred assembly requires a sacred space, whether it's a forest clearing, the shore of Galilee, a secret cavern, a borrowed room, or a building specifically constructed to anchor the community's worship of God." <sup>2</sup>

#### **What Does A Sacred Space Look Like?**

⌘ Exodus 20:22-26 – God Establishes the Law of the Altar

⌘ "Sacredness resides not solely in grand cathedrals but in God's presence and faithful proclamation of His word... Sacred space and consecrated place are grounded in a theology of God with us and God in us through Jesus Christ our Lord in time and space, in our finite seasons of life, and in the "timelessness" (Eliot) of worship throughout eternity." <sup>3</sup>

↳ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20 – You are a Temple of God

↳ Ephesians 2:20-22 – The Church is a holy temple in the Lord

⌘ What does sacred space look like?

↳ It is where we meet and experience God's presence in our daily lives. "...on a long car ride when I'm driving alone, hiking on a solitary mountain trail, or when I'm in my living room, face-down on the carpet." <sup>4</sup>

↳ Matthew 6:5-18 – The Sacred Space of the Prayer Closet



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