



August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing an experience of belonging, with God's music and the love
and justice of Jesus at the heart of what we do.

Welcome

Rachel Robicheau

Opening Music: When Morning Guilds the Skies

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Rachel Robicheau

Prayer

Rachel Robicheau

Entry Into Worship

Marissa Cohen

One: Welcome to the season of transformation...
a journey shaped by the becoming of the butterfly
and the spiral of the spirit.

**Many: We come as those who have been changed...
and those still unfolding.**

One: This week, we meet the butterfly...
fully emerged, fully alive,
moving through the world with beauty and purpose.
And like the spiral extending outward,
we are invited into shared joy and radical welcome.

**Many: We are here to celebrate,
to welcome,
to live the Kin-dom together.**

One: So come...
bring your joy, your scars, your story, your hope.
Let us spiral inward and forward...
trusting in the One who makes us whole, together.

**Many: In this sacred fullness,
we worship.**

Scripture: Psalm 112

Marissa Cohen

Gospel: Luke 17: 1, 7-14

Rev. Jennifer Harris Dault

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go

and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Sermon: “Fully Alive Together: The Joy of Open Tables”

Rev. Jennifer Harris Dault

Music: Gather Us In

Turning Toward the World

Ellen Mitchell

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe love throws open the doors....
and makes more room.
We believe in the love that is God.**

**We believe joy is holy...
and not just for some, but for all.
We believe in the breath that is Spirit.**

**We believe compassion makes room at the table,
and dares to call strangers friends.
We believe in the compassion that is Jesus.**

**We believe in Kin-dom living:
where joy is shared,
and welcome is radical.**

**We believe...
we know we are not yet who we will be.
And already, we are becoming...
fully alive, together.**

Offering Invitation

Rachel Robicheau

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord’s Prayer)

Calvin Miller

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Music: Christ For the World We Sing

Sending Forth (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**Before we go, we name the joy...
the sacred celebration of a people becoming.**

We go now not because we are finished.

We go as those willing to be changed.

**Like the butterfly lifting from stillness into flight,
we go...
bright, bold, and together.**

**For becoming is our calling.
Transformation is our path.
And God's Kin-dom is our promise.**

**We go... imperfect, unfinished,
and faithfully becoming.**

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STAFF VACATIONS: **Rev. Timoth** will be on vacation through September 1st. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Jeff Kardisco at 717-387-0069. **Jeff** will be on vacation through September 21st.

BIBLE STUDY, September 3rd, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm EST: Welcome back to Bible Study! Our 10:00 am study will be hybrid, meeting in the Chapel or via Zoom, while the 6:30 pm session will be online only. Contact the church office (info@wearechanginglives.org) for the Zoom link.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL, September 7th, 3:00 pm EST: Join us online as we look at Scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary (the series of Scripture texts we typically use in worship), share insights and stories, and maybe color some pictures (if you are an adult who has not colored in awhile – prepare to re-embrace your inner child!). Register here: bit.ly/2025SundaySchool

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Moderator Team

Wednesday, September 3rd

9:00 am in the Chapel

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