



August 3, 2025
Eighth 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: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Prayer

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Carol Wallace

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

**Many: We come with full hands and restless hearts,
and still...we are invited to pause.**

One: This week, we meet the climb...
the moment between feeding and flight,
where the caterpillar releases the ground
and prepares to be undone.
And like the spiral drawing us inward,
we are invited to slow down and surrender.

**Many: We are here to pause,
to breathe,
to trust what's becoming in us.**

One: So come...
bring your burdens, your striving, your need to let go.
Let us spiral inward and forward...
trusting in the One who feeds us in the pause.

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

Scripture: Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Carol Wallace

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build

larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon: "The Holy Pause: Letting Go of Full"

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Music: Letting Go

Turning Toward the World

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe love lets go...
not from indifference, but from trust.
We believe in the love that is God.**

**We believe surrender is not weakness...
but wisdom that makes space for something new.
We believe in the breath that is Spirit.**

**We believe compassion does not cling,
but opens its hands and waits.
We believe in the compassion that is Jesus.**

**We believe in Kin-dom living:
where releasing is holy,
and rest is sacred.**

**We believe...
we know we are not yet who we will be.
And already, we are pausing to become.**

Offering Invitation

Rachel Robicheau

Communion

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

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: O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus

Sending Forth (Unison)

**Before we go, we name the release...
the holy pause between what was
and what is yet to be.**

**We go now not because we are finished.
We go as those willing to be changed.**

**Like the caterpillar climbing toward transformation,
we go...
slow, surrendered, and ready.**

**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:

SUMMER SABBATH: While some of our ministries pause for the summer season, worship continues each week, both onsite and online. So, wherever this summer takes you, we invite you to remain connected to our faith community in and through our weekly worship together.

May this season be a time of renewal for your spirit and an opening of your heart to how God might be calling you next.

And be sure to keep an eye out towards the end of the summer as new ministries will be launching, and others will return with fresh energy and mission.

MEET & GREET WITH JENNIFER, August 6th, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm: Here is your chance to meet our new Remote Faith Formation Coordinator, Jennifer Harris Dault, and get to know her a little better! The 10:00 am Meet & Greet will be in person, in the Chapel, as well as via Zoom. The 6:30 pm session will be online only. Please contact Nadine (info@wearechanginglives.org) for the Zoom link.

SEUSSICAL, August 22nd – 24th, 7:00 pm: Join us this August for a wildly imaginative adventure where Horton hears a Who, the Cat wears his Hat, and anything is possible in the world of *Seussical*! Tickets are available at <https://wearechanginglives.org/ministry/theater>

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Worship Planning
Staff Meeting

Monday, August 4th
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9:00 am in the Chapel
1:00 pm in the Chapel

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Online Giving



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