



**July 12, 2026**  
*Seventh 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:** Welcome

**Guided Breath & Centering Moment**

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

**Entry Into Worship**

One: We gather carrying many concerns and responsibilities.

**Many: Some urgent. Some important.**

One: The world pulls us in many directions.

**Many: Demanding our attention, our energy and our loyalty.**

One: Yet God calls us to remember what matters most.

**Many: Love that welcomes.**

**Justice that restores.**

**Compassion that heals.**

One: How do imperfect people, imperfect churches,  
and imperfect nations keep moving toward  
God's dream of beloved community?

**Many: Not by chasing every distraction.**

**But by holding fast to what is sacred.**

One: Not by choosing convenience.

**Many: But by choosing courage.**

One: Not by trading away our deepest values.

**Many: But by living them.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us back to what matters most.

**Scripture:** Genesis 25: 19-34

**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

**Music:** We Do Not Do What We Want

**Sermon:** The Birthright We Keep Selling

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

**Music:** Slow Me Down

**Affirmation (Unison)**

Rachel Robicheau

We believe in God,  
who calls us to love what is good,  
seek what is just,  
and cherish what is sacred.

We believe in Jesus,  
who taught that the greatest commandments  
are to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who helps us discern what matters most,  
who strengthens us when the easy path tempts us,  
and who calls us toward lives of integrity and compassion.

We believe that every person has dignity.  
Every life has value.  
Every community deserves the opportunity to flourish.

When fear calls us inward,  
God calls us outward.  
When convenience tempts us to settle,  
God calls us to grow.  
When we are tempted to trade away our deepest values,  
God calls us back to love.

With humility and courage,  
we continue the journey toward God's dream of beloved community.

**Offering Invitation**

Rachel Robicheau

**Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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:** Hymn of Promise

**Sending Forth**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SWEENEY TODD:** An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which, he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up...and the carnage has only just begun! **Performances are August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Get your tickets at [bit.ly/2026SweeneyTodd](http://bit.ly/2026SweeneyTodd)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Missions  
Staff Meeting  
Racial Justice

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

After coffee hour in Memorial Hall  
10:00 am in the Chapel  
6:00 pm in Memorial Hall

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**Choir**

Madison Christian, Angela Marseglia, Marjie DiSalvio, Joy Tardiff, Julia Pottey, Noah Hobart, Rachel Robicheau, Aaron Cohen, Laura Lee Coveney, Sam Hobart, Sue Goodale, Paul Meoni

**Band**

Jeff Hobart – Piano, Rachel Robicheau – Song Leader, Angela Marseglia – Guitars, Sam Hobart – Guitars, Joy Tardiff – Bass, Noah Hobart - Drums

**Tech Team**

Pat Dzierzak – Dramatic Sounds, John Silipigno, Adrian Sylvia, Caleb Tobin, Alex Goodrich, Ariana