



July 13, 2025
Fifth 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: I'm Listening

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Prayer

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

One: Welcome to this season of transformation...
a journey taken alongside the becoming of the butterfly
and the inward spiral of the spirit.

Marjie DiSalvio

**Many: We come just as we are...
not yet emerged, not yet whole,
and already being changed.**

One: This week, we begin with the egg...
small, still, and full of unseen hope.
And like the spiral turning inward,
we begin by listening for what stirs beneath the surface.

**Many: We are here to be opened,
to be moved,
to be made ready for the kin-dom breaking in.**

One: So come.
Bring your longing, your questions, your first flickers of hope.
Let us begin the journey inward and forward,
trusting in the One who transforms us, stage by stage.

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

Scripture: Psalm 82

Marjie DiSalvio

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Sermon: “Hope Ignites: The Smallest Start”

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Music: Build Your Kingdom Here

Baptism

Turning Toward the World

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe love sees what others overlook...
the wounded, the weary, the ones left out.
We believe in the love that is God.**

**We believe, quiet as breath, that hope takes root...
in small beginnings, bold as mercy.
We believe in the breath that is Spirit.**

**We believe compassion disrupts the expected
and dares us to cross every line that keeps us apart.
We believe in the compassion that is Jesus.**

**We believe in Kin-dom living:
being cracked open by grace
and made new by the slow, unseen work of transformation.**

**We believe in spiraling inward
To the sacred stillness where becoming begins.**

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

Offering Invitation

Rachel Robicheau

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: Hymn of Promise

Sending Forth (Unison)

**Before we go, we name the spark...
the compassion that dares to cross boundaries and awaken hope, even in its earliest form.**

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

**Like the egg that holds what is not yet seen,
we carry within us sacred potential.**

**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.**

Rev. Timothy Sylvia, Pastor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning, we celebrate the baptism of Ariel Faith Samantha Charney. Ariel is the daughter of Zackary & Jennifer Charney. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Patricia Doherty and Mr. Vincent Esposito & Ms. Stephanie Charney.

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.

STAFF VACATIONS: Rev. Timoth will be on vacation from Monday, July 14th, through Saturday, July 19th. He will return on Sunday, July 20th. Nadine will be on vacation July 16th, through 20th, and will return to the office on Monday, July 21st.

GOOD TROUBLE LIVES ON, July 17th, 5:00-6:30 pm: Join the Racial Justice Team of First Congregational Church, UCC in Randolph at Stetson Hall on July 17th, to Make Good Trouble Together and carry on John Lewis' legacy of fighting for justice & equality. Register at <https://www.mobilize.us/john-lewis-actions/event/812113/>

BOOK NOOK HELP NEEDED, July 26th, 12:00-2:00 pm: We are in desperate need of a volunteer or two to be at our **July 26th, Book Nook**. Our ever-faithful Carol can only be there until noon, and we really don't want to have to close early! Please email Carol (akmom@comcast.net) or call the church office (781-963-6373) if you can help! Thank you!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Racial Social Justice Team Monday, July 14th 6:00 pm in the Chapel

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