



**November 16, 2025**  
*Covenanting Sunday*

### **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:** Every Promise

**Guided Breath & Centering Moment**

**Prayer**

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

**Entry Into Worship**

Cheryle Totten

One: We come looking for signs of the end,  
for predictions and timelines.

**Many: But Jesus points us to faithfulness in the present.**

One: We imagine God's promises as distant...  
someday, somewhere, far away.

**Many: Yet Isaiah proclaims a new heaven and  
a new earth, beginning now.**

One: We expect fear when kingdoms crumble and stones fall.

**Many: But God calls us to courage, endurance, and trust.**

One: This is not what we think... the future is not postponed,  
it is unfolding.

**Many And when the story turns, so do we.**

One: Come, covenant people, bring your commitments,  
your hopes, your lives.

**Many: For here we worship the One who is making  
all things new... today.**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 65: 17-25

Cheryle Totten

**Sacred Stories for All**

Jennifer Harris Dault

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

### **Sacred Stories for All Ages**

Jennifer Harris Dault

**Music:** This Is Where Our Story Turns

**Sermon:** The Future Is Now

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

**Music:** Beautiful City

**Affirmation (Unison)**

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe in a God who surprises us,  
who overturns assumptions,  
and turns endings into beginnings.**

**We follow Jesus, who disrupts the expected,  
welcomes the outcast,  
and shows us that God’s kin-dom is not what we think.**

**We trust the Spirit,  
still moving, still stirring,  
calling us to turn with the story—  
and to live as people of hope.**

**This week, we affirm: that God’s new creation is not only a distant dream but a present reality.  
We believe the kin-dom begins among us, with every act of justice, mercy, and love.  
We believe hope rises in the present moment, renewing us for courage and joy today.**

**Offering Invitation**

Rachel Robicheau

**Covenanting**

**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:** Future

**Sending Forth**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This morning's flowers are given by Rob & Cassie Ramos in honor of Wynorah Ramos as she celebrates her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays 6:30 pm EST – ONLINE ONLY:** Join us each Wednesday for a time of deep reflection, thoughtful conversation, and sacred curiosity as we open scripture together and explore what it means for our lives today.

Whether you've been reading the Bible for years or are just beginning to ask questions, there's space for you here. Bring your wonder. Bring your doubts. Bring your whole self. Come for the community. Stay for the transformation. Zoom link sent out weekly and available upon request.

**TRANSFAITH, Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 pm EST:** TransFaith is a 5-part series hearing faith stories from members of the trans and non-binary community. Jennifer has asked some of her favorite people to have a public conversation with her, followed by a time for Q&A. This online only class is perfect for all who want to strengthen their understanding of the trans and gender non-confirming community and learn how people of faith can be better accomplices. Register here: [bit.ly/2025TransFaith](https://bit.ly/2025TransFaith)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Please submit to Nadine ([firstuccrandolph19@gmail.com](mailto:firstuccrandolph19@gmail.com)) anything you'd like included in the December newsletter. Thank you.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS, Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** After worship and coffee hour, we'll gather to transform our sanctuary for Advent. All are welcome, and all abilities are needed! Whether you love decorating from the ground or you're willing to help with ladder-tall tasks, your hands and presence make this tradition beautiful. Join us as we prepare the space for a season of hope.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Worship Planning	Monday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am in the Chapel
Staff Meeting	Monday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm in the Chapel

## SCAN OUR QR CODES:



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