



November 2, 2025
Twenty-First 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: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Prayer

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

One: We come with labels ready...
saint and sinner, hero and villain.

Many: And God looks deeper than our judgments.

One: We expect faith to grow only in the righteous,
the respectable, the worthy.

**Many: Yet God calls us to notice transformation
in unexpected places.**

One: We imagine salvation as a reward for the good.

**Many: But Jesus sees Zacchaeus in the tree
and calls him by name.**

One: This is not what we think...
the story turns, and so do we.

**Many For the One we follow brings salvation
even to the house we would pass by.**

One: Come, beloved, bring your labels, your limits,
your longing for change.

**Many: For here we worship the One
who makes all things new.**

Honoring of the Saints

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4; 11-12

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Sacred Stories for All

Jennifer Harris Dault

Music: This Is Where Our Story Turns

Sermon: He's the Villain... Or is He?

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Music: I am Ready for Change

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 sees beyond the labels we attach to people.

We believe transformation is possible, even for the ones we have written off as beyond hope.

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: All the Poor and Powerless

Sending Forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IT'S PIE SEASON AGAIN! We are looking for donations of pies for our BraveSpace Cafe on November 14th. If you would like to bake one, please contact Joy Tardiff (joytardiff49@gmail.com) by November 9th, or sign up in Memorial Hall at the kitchen counter. Your generosity and baking talents are truly appreciated!

TRANSFAITH, Tuesday, November 4th, 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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Worship Planning	Monday, November 3 rd	9:00 am in the Chapel
Staff Meeting	Monday, November 3 rd	1:00 pm in the Chapel
Governing Board	Monday, November 3 rd	7:00 pm in the Chapel

SCAN OUR QR CODES:



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