November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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: God of Grace and God of Glory

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Entry Into Worship Marjie DiSalvio

One: If Jesus started a church today, how would we know it was worshipping God?

Many: Not by the size of the crowd or the quality of the music.

One: The prophet Amos stood in the king's own sanctuary and spoke for God: "I hate, I despise your festivals."

Many: God was tired of songs sung over the cries of the poor.

One: Then Amos told them what God wanted instead…let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Many: That is the worship God has been waiting for.

One: We have spent so much energy getting Sunday right.

Many: And so little asking what our worship changes by Monday.

One: For worship that leaves the world as it found it is only noise, no matter how beautiful.

Many: God, make our praise sound like justice.

One: Come, let us worship the One who would rather have a river of justice than a perfect service…the God who is still waiting on us.

Scripture: Amos 5: 18-24 Marjie DiSalvio

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you

had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Music: Would You Know Us?

Sermon: God Doesn't Need More Worship Services — Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Music: Roll Down Justice

Affirmation (Unison) — Rachel Robicheau

We believe in God,
who is not impressed by our sanctuaries or our songs,
for God delights when justice flows.

We believe in Jesus,
who told us to stay awake,
and showed us that readiness looks like love practiced daily.

We believe the Spirit is still interrupting our worship,
turning our praise toward the poor,
our prayers toward action,
and our Sundays toward the rest of the week.

We do not know what kind of church Jesus would start today.
We do know its worship would not end at the door,
and neither should ours.

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: We Stand

Sending Forth

Rev. Timoth Sylvia, Pastor
Jeff Hobart, Director of Music Ministry

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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 Seeramsingh

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREETER "TRAINING", TODAY: Gather with Rev. Timoth in Memorial Hall during Coffee Hour to talk about plans to be more hospitable in our welcoming visitors to Sunday worship.

ONLINE BOOK STUDY, Mondays, November 9th, 16th and 23rd, 7:00 pm EST: Transgender Awareness Month begins with reading together and discussing Nico Lang's *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era*. Register at WeAreChangingLives.org/trans

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, November 11th, 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.

WIDOWS' MIGHT, Thursday, November 12th, 11:00 am: Our monthly gathering of those that have lost a spouse or partner will meet in the Chapel.

Support BraveSpace by donating a pie! We welcome donations of any type of pie for our November 13th, BraveSpace CoffeeHouse! If you can bake or purchase a pie for us to offer at our café, please let Joy Tardiff (joytardiff49@gmail.com) know or sign up on the clipboard in the kitchen. Thanks for your ongoing support!

BRAVESPACE COFFEEHOUSE, Friday, November 13th, 7:00 pm: Join us for our BraveSpace CoffeeHouse. Enjoy an evening of creativity, community and connection to uplift and celebrate 2SLGBTQIA+ artists and their allies. This is a free event. Refreshments will be available to purchase to support future events.

TRANSGENDER PANEL DISCUSSION, Saturday, November 14th, 7:00 pm: Hosted by our Pride Team, this panel brings together six local organizations serving the trans and nonbinary community. They'll talk about what trans youth are up against right now, what support is actually working, and where people like us can plug in. Come with questions. Leave with something to do.

GIVING ENVELOPES: If you had giving envelopes this year, 2026, envelopes will be available in the narthex (rear of the sanctuary) beginning November 15th. If you received a box of giving envelopes for this year, 2026, but do not want them for 2027, please let Joy Tardiff know. If you did not have envelopes for 2026 but WOULD like them for 2027, please let Joy Tardiff know. Thanks! Joytardiff49@gmail.com or 781-223-3493

CONVENANTING SUNDAY, November 22nd: It's that time…when we declare our commitment to participate in and support the shared ministries of First Congregational Church, UCC for the next year. 2027 Covenant Cards are available in the Narthex as well as the church office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Missions	Sunday, November 8th	After Coffee Hour in Mem. Hall
Staff Meeting	Monday, November 9th	10:00 am in the Chapel
Pride Team	Tuesday, November 10th	10:00 am in the Chapel
Racial Justice	Tuesday, November 10th	6:00 pm in Memorial Hall
Worship Team	Thursday, November 12th	5:30 pm in the Parlor

SCAN OUR QR CODES:

Online Giving

Events Page of Our Website