



October 18, 2026
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: This Is My Song

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Cheryle Totten

One: If Jesus started a church today, would we recognize it?

Many: And would it recognize us?

One: He gathered people on hillsides and in fishing boats, at tax booths and at tables where the "wrong people" ate.

Many: He had no building, no budget, no membership roll.

One: And here we are with all three, in a sanctuary and on screens, asking what he would make of us.

Many: We come honest about the distance between his community and ours.

One: When they tried to trap him with a coin, he would not let the emperor or the crowd decide what belonged to God.

Many: Neither will we let our habits decide what church must be.

One: For every coin bears the image of an emperor, and every person bears the image of God.

Many: If we have built something else, God can still remake us.

One: Come, let us worship the One who says, "I am the LORD, and there is no other." the God no empire owns and no church contains.

Scripture: Isaiah 45: 1-7

Cheryle Totten

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give

therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Music: Would You Know Us?

Sermon: No Campaign Signs

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Music: For Every Child

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

We believe in God,
who will not be owned:
not by any nation, any party, or any church,
including this one.

We believe in Jesus,
who did not build an institution,
but gathered people at tables and on hillsides,
and answered every trap with a deeper question.

We believe the Spirit is still remaking us,
even when we resist,
even when we have built something other than what Jesus began.

We do not know what kind of church Jesus would start today.
We do know it would belong to God alone,
and so do we.

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: The Earth Shall Know

Sending Forth

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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:

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, Tuesday, October 20th: Please submit to Nadine (firstuccrandolph19@gmail.com) anything you'd like included in the November newsletter by October 20th. Thank you.

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, October 21st, 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.

BOOK NOOK HELP NEEDED, Saturday, October 31st: We are in need of a couple of volunteers for 2 hours to help with the Book Nook. Please let Carol (akmom@comcast.net) know if you can help 10:00 am until 12:00 pm or from noon until 2:00 pm. Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Staff Meeting

Monday, October 19th

10:00 am in the Chapel

SCAN OUR QR CODES:



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