



September 13, 2026
Sixteenth 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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Marjie DiSalvio

One: We come carrying stories of grace received and wounds not easily forgotten.

Many: God meets us in both the mercy we need and the mercy we struggle to offer.

One: Forgiveness does not call evil good or pretend that harm never happened.

Many: It tells the truth and refuses to let harm have the final word.

One: Reconciliation cannot be demanded, rushed or forced.

Many: It grows where truth, accountability, safety and mercy are given room.

One: Jesus calls us beyond keeping score and beyond making one another pay forever.

Many: The grace that has found us can teach us a new way to live.

One: Come, let us worship the One who makes room for healing...

Many: And invites us to become people through whom healing becomes possible.

Scripture: Genesis 50: 15-21

Marjie DiSalvio

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Music: Have Mercy On Me

Sermon: Making Room for Reconciliation

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Music: I Choose Love

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

We believe in God,
whose mercy is deeper than every debt
and whose justice makes room
for truth, accountability, repair, and new life.

We believe in Jesus,
who met wounded people with tenderness,
confronted harm without surrendering anyone's humanity,
and taught us that grace is not something
we count, ration, or withhold.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who meets us where hurt has hardened our hearts,
gives us courage to name what has happened,
wisdom to establish life-giving boundaries,
and freedom to release what we were never meant to carry forever.

We believe forgiveness does not erase the past,
excuse abuse,
cancel consequences,
or require anyone to return to an unsafe relationship.

We believe reconciliation cannot be forced.
It must be nurtured through truth, repentance, changed behavior,
and trust renewed over time.

We believe the church is called to be a community
where wounds are not hidden,
pain is not silenced in the name of peace,
accountability is not confused with rejection,
and mercy is never separated from justice.

We believe those who have been harmed deserve safety and care,
those who have caused harm remain accountable,
and all of us are capable, by God's grace,
of becoming more than the worst thing we have done.

We believe the kin-dom of God grows
whenever cycles of vengeance are interrupted,
debts of shame are released,
and room is made for another future.

This is the faith that frees us
to receive mercy
and to become merciful.

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: A Place At The Table

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:

This morning's flowers are in celebration of Rich & Carol Wallace's 59th wedding anniversary, given by Richard Wallace.

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, September 16th, 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.

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

STAFF VACATION: Nadine will be on vacation September 14th and 15th; she will return to the office on Wednesday, September 16th.

SEPTEMBER IS APPLE CRISP MONTH FOR TAKEOUT TUESDAY! We welcome donations of bags of apples to help us prepare a delicious fall dessert for 150 guests. If you would like to donate apples, please drop them off in the Memorial Hall refrigerator (behind the black curtains on the left) between **September 20th and September 27th**. Any variety will work fine, except red delicious. Questions? Talk to Joy. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Missions
Governing Board

Sunday, September 13th
Monday, September 14th

After coffee hour in Memorial Hall
7:00 pm in the Chapel

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