



September 20, 2026
Seventeenth 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: All Are Welcome

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Cheryle Totten

One: We come to worship carrying stories about who belongs, who deserves, who has earned and who should be left outside.

Many: And God meets us at the boundaries we have drawn.

One: God sees the people others overlooked, the people no one chose and the people we have struggled to understand.

Many: God's compassion continually refuses our easy categories.

One: Grace reaches the first and the last, the familiar and the foreign, the wounded and those still in need of transformation.

Many: Grace will not become our private possession.

One: This is not mercy without truth or compassion without justice.

Many: It is love wide enough to seek dignity, accountability and life for all.

One: Come, let us worship the One whose goodness is greater than our resentment.

Many: And whose table has room even for those we have called "them".

Scripture: Jonah 3: 10-4: 11

Cheryle Totten

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When

those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Music: Remember Mercy

Sermon: Those People

Rev. Timoth Sylvia

Music: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

We believe in God,
whose compassion cannot be contained
by the borders, categories, and hierarchies we create.

We believe in Jesus,
who noticed those waiting at the edges,
welcomed those others dismissed,
and challenged every system
that measured human worth by status, productivity, or privilege.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who unsettles our certainty,
reveals the prejudice hidden within us,
and teaches us to see every person
as more than a label, stereotype, or single story.

We believe the church is called
to resist dehumanizing language,
challenge the divisions between "us" and "them,"
stand alongside those who have been overlooked,
and confront the systems that keep people waiting
for dignity, security, and enough.

We believe God's generosity is not a prize for the deserving,
but a gift that makes life possible.

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: Make Me A Servant

Sending Forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

WEEKLY ONLINE BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, September 23rd, 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, Saturday, September 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Come check out our huge selection of gently used books. Nothing costs more than \$1.00! Look for the 'Open' flag on the little, white building behind the church.

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:

Staff Meeting

Monday, September 21st

10:00 am in the Chapel

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Choir

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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