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Pentecost 6 Year A, July 5th 2026

Presenter: Rev Josh McPaul

Focus Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Message: 6 minutes 40 seconds

"You Do You"

Discussion Starters

1. What differences do you notice between Jesus and John? How do their personalities reflect God's purposes?
2. Do you feel as though you are able to 'be yourself' in church? Do you think you are able to express your worship and gifts through your personality?
3. Are different voices heard in your church? In particular, are young people given a voice?
4. What kinds of voices are missing in leadership in the community? What wisdom is being missed?

Readings for this day

Zechariah 9:9-12 The future king is forecast to come riding on a donkey and to cease wars and bring peace among the nations. He will rule across all the seas to the end of the earth.

Psalms 45:10-17 This wedding song reprises the theme of newness and celebration for family and the community. A royal wedding offers the promise of a rich life.

Romans 7:15-25a Paul writes of the dilemma that confronts him and all those who seek to do the will of God. He laments the fact that sin has made him a stranger to himself and subverts his desire to do good, but ultimately, he celebrates the newness of Christ.

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Intergenerational Talk Rev Josh McPaul

"God Made Everything Different"

Length: 2 minutes 0 seconds

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Jesus wants us to bring your skills and use your special and unique self, along with your talents, to serve him. God came down into our messy world to help us. We are all different and can contribute in different ways. All being the same would be dull and boring.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 45:10-17 – page 284

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