

First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 22, 2025**

**Whoever You Are, And Wherever You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here.**

The Altar Flowers today are given by
Larry and Judy Niland in joyous celebration of the birth of
their grand-daughter, Maeve Katherine Danner

Following Worship everyone is invited to Rice Hall for
Fellowship and Refreshments.
Serving you this morning are members from the Visiting Ministry

Thank you for your continued support of our church.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.
Lots of vital ministry and mission work



Ministers to the World, *The Congregation*;
Rev. Dr. Stan G. Duncan, *Interim Pastor*
William Richter, *Director of Music*; Zandy Shepherd, *Music Assistant*
Jody DeCoursey, *Admin*; Scott Holmes, *Sexton*

TIME FOR REVERENT REFLECTION

Upon entering, you are encouraged to sit quietly and enjoy the prelude

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Stan Duncan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlie Powers, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: In the times of trouble,
when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

People: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

Liturgist: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

People: And God found me and brought me home.

Liturgist: When my life was filled with joy and blessing,
I danced and praised God.

**People: And God danced and God rejoiced, and I felt loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

~ Rev. Nancy C. Townley, United Methodist Church, Ministry Matters

*** OPENING HYMN** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #3, all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Charlie, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: Please join me in the Prayer of Invocation
and Lord's Prayer.

**All: O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,
not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling
heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.**

**Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness
to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence.**

Help us to listen for your still, small voice.

**Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,
trusting that you will prepare the way.**

Liturgist: We pray all these things in the name of
your Son who taught his followers to pray...

**All: 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.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:26-39

Charlie Powers, *Liturgist*

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were

afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Jesus and Demons and Pigs in the Water* Rev. Stan Duncan

*** SERMON HYMN** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* #423, all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

SONG OF PRAISE *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures
here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Stan Duncan

*** CLOSING HYMN** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #369, all verses

POSTLUDE