

First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



JULY 6
2025

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

The altar flowers this week

Are given by the Pasko family, In honor of the marriage of their daughter, Brianna,
and son-in-law, Dan, on June 28th

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for
Fellowship and Refreshments.

Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Lots of vital ministry and mission work
is being done each week.



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*

* Invites those who are able to stand / **Bold** indicates that the congregation speaks

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

Linda Eaton, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: God is our salvation, guiding us out of the darkness of the world.

People: Redeeming God, as trees stretch towards the sun, we seek your healing light.

Liturgist: God is our salvation, when we hunger for direction and meaning.

People: Sustaining God, as branches bear fruit, your word feeds our souls.

Liturgist: Come now, put down the burdens of your days.

People: God is our salvation. We rest in the garden of God's reconciling love.
--written by Gill Le Fevre

* OPENING HYMN

Ye Servants of God

#17, all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Linda Eaton, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: Join me now in the prayer of invocation, followed by the Lord's prayer:

All: O God of power, hear our prayer, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tombs that we sometimes live in, so that we may see you as the infinite fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Move us to realize your gracious will in all things, And that in Christ Jesus you have saved us from the deeds of death and opened for us the hidden ways of your love.

Liturgist: We pray all these things in the name of your Son who taught us to pray, name, we pray. Amen.

**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 9:51-62

Linda Eaton, *Liturgist*

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On Following (or not following) Jesus

Rev. Stan Duncan

*** SERMON HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

#304, verses 1,2,3

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Stan Duncan

All are welcome to participate in the sacrament

Leader: God imbues each of us with the Spirit of Life.
We come together to take in this ceremonial
meal that will keep us truly alive!

People: Jesus restored the broken and lifted
up the downtrodden. We come to this
table with frailty and fallibility,
knowing that we are loved.

All: Thanks be to God!



SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* CLOSING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal

#483, all Verses

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



COFFEE WITH THE CANDIDATE

Saturday, July 12
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Rice Hall

You're invited to a casual coffee
gathering with our pastoral candidate!
Come say hello before Sunday's
special service of discernment
and celebration.



CANDIDATE SUNDAY

JULY 13

THE CANDIDATE WILL BE
LEADING WORSHIP AT

10 AM

17. Ye Servants of God

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give Him His right -
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

304 Lift High the Cross

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. John 12:32

Refrain - Unison

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Parts Optional

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on this glo - rious Tree,
4. Set up Thy throne, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For Thy blest Cross which doth for all a - tone,

Return to Refrain

Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
Be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
Cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

TEXT: George W. Kitchin and Michael R. Newbolt
MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson

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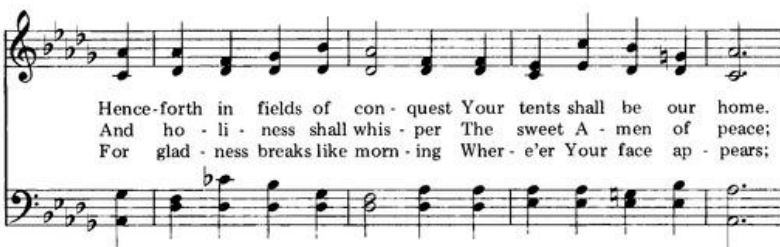
CRUCIFER
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483 Lead On, O King Eternal

You guided Your people to make for Yourself a glorious name. Isa. 63:14



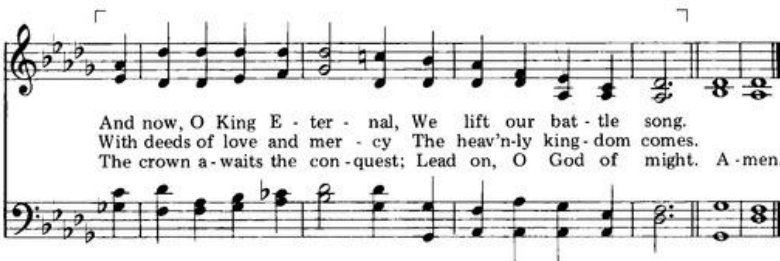
1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, We fol - low, not with fears;



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents shall be our home.
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet A - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Your face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong,
 For not with swords loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:



And now, O King E - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n-ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might. A - men.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart; Last stanza harmonization by Bruce Greer

A higher setting may be found at No. 226

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