

# First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



"The Spirit of the Lord is on Me  
to Proclaim Good News"

Luke 4:14-30

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

**August 17, 2025**

**The Altar Flowers** today are given by  
Diane Teuten In remembrance of loved ones

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***

## 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

Jenny Sprague-Croatto, *Liturgist*

**Liturgist:** People of God, we gather in worship to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**People:** **We gather to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.**

**Liturgist:** We gather, like those in Nazareth, to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us.

**People:** **To encounter the life-giving message of God's love that redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.**

**Liturgist:** Children of God, listen. Ready our hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are we ready?

**People:** **We gather to hear, to pray, to worship, and to respond in new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

--Dr. Lisa Hancock

**\* OPENING HYMN**    *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*    #26, all verses

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Jenny, *Liturgist*

**Liturgist:** We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people.

**People:** **We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call.**

**Liturgist:** You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved.

**People:** **We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

--Ruth C. Duck

**Liturgist:** And now let us pray the prayer Jesus 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 4: 14-30*

*Jenny, Liturgist*

### **The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

### **The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth**

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' <sup>23</sup> He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure

yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SOLO**

Scott Holmes

**SERMON**

*Hometown Hero*

Rev. Stan Duncan

**\* SERMON HYMN**

*Love Devine, All Loves Excelling*

#92, v.v

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CALL TO GIVING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Scott Holmes, solo*

**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**

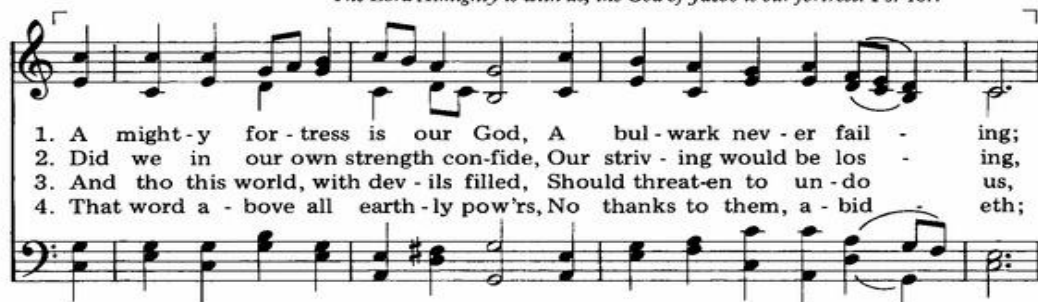
*Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*

#231, v.v

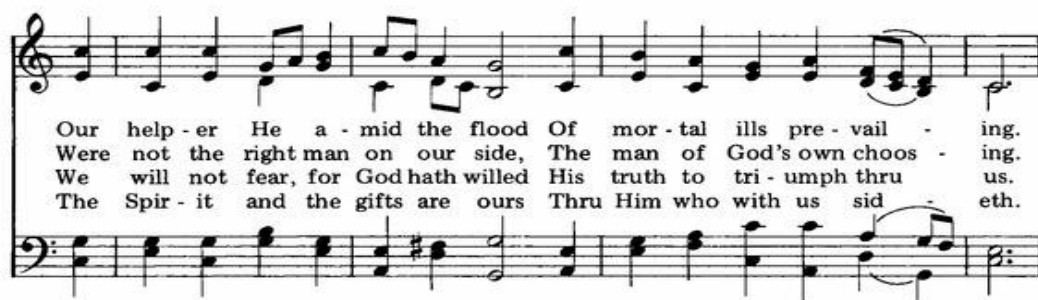
**POSTLUDE**

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 26

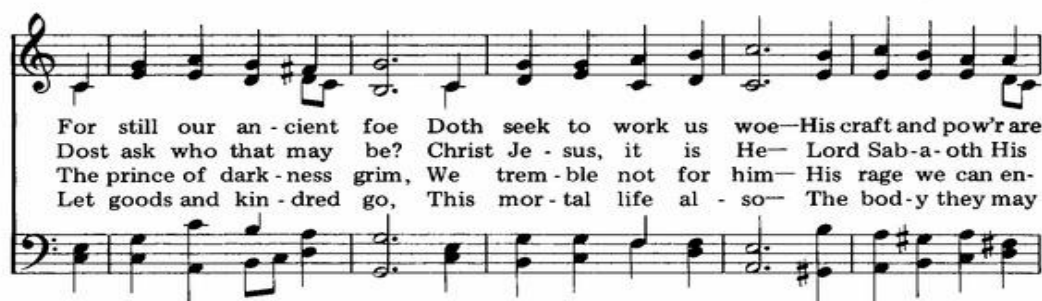
*The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7*



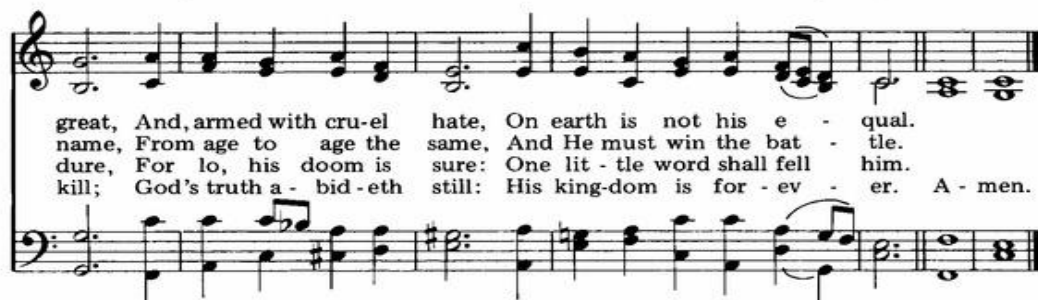
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
 3. And tho this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,  
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



Our help-er He a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph thru us.  
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe—His craft and pow'r are  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He—Lord Sab-a-oth His  
 The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him—His rage we can en-  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so—The bod-y they may



great, And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.  
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.  
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell him.  
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: His king-dom is for-ev-er. A-men.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther

EIN' FESTE BURG  
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.

## 92 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son. 1 John 4:9*

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it In - to ev - 'ry trou-bled breast!  
 3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin-ish then Thy new cre-a-tion, Pure and spot-less let us be;

Fix in us Thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
 Let us all in Thee in-her-it, Let us find that prom-ised rest.  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, Nev-er-more Thy tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see Thy great sal-va-tion Per-fect-ly re-stored in Thee:

Je-sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art; Vis-it  
 Take a-way our bent to sin-ning, Al-pha and O-me-ga be; End of  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a-bove, Pray and  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we

us with Thy sal-va-tion, En-ter ev - 'ry trem-bling heart.  
 faith, as its be-gin-ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 praise Thee with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in Thy per-fect love.  
 cast our crowns be-fore Thee, Lost in won-der, love and praise! A-men.

TEXT: Charles Wesley

MUSIC: John Zundel; Choral ending arranged by David Allen

A higher setting may be found at No. 268; Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, No. 89

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## 231. Jesus Shall Reign

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

