

First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



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

October 5, 2025

The **altar flowers** today are given in memory of Richard Walsh by his wife, Beverly and his children Susan, Steven and Stacy.

Following Worship everyone is invited to Rice Hall for
Fellowship and Refreshments.
Church Council will be serving you this morning .

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;*
Jen Christianson, *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

Pastor Jen

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jen Smollett, *Liturgist*

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good;

People: Take delight in the LORD, and God will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD,

People: Trust in God, and God will act.

Leader: God will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noon day.

People: Be still before the LORD. Wait patiently for God.

Leader: Let us worship God together.

— *Psalm 37*

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Almighty King

#267, all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Jen Smollett, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: Now let us pray a prayer of invocation, followed by the Lord's Prayer

All: God of mercy, have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, illumine our minds.

God of light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

**God of Power, be our refuge and our strength,
now and forever.**

Liturgist: And now help us pray the prayer that your Son, 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.

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

by K. Lee Scott

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Jen Smollett, *Liturgist*

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

The Prophet's Complaint

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

God's Reply to the Prophet's Complaint

2 I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

There is still a vision

Pastor Jen

*** SERMON HYMN**

Abide With Me

#419, all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

arranged by Ed Lojeski

*** 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**

Pastor Jen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Jen

All are welcome to participate in the sacrament

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#410, all verses

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

267 Come, Thou Almighty King

The Lord is the great God, the great King. Ps. 95:3

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther! all -
 might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more; Thy sov - 'reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come, and reign
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess: Spir - it of
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart And ne'er from
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -

o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

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ITALIAN HYMN

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419. Abide with Me

Full Text

1 Abide with me! fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

3 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can
be?
Thro' clouds and sunshine, oh, abide with
me!

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing

410. My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Full Text

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's passing dream,
When death's cold, threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Amen.