

First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



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

October 19, 2025

The **altar flowers** today are given by
Tanya Stenson in memory of loved ones

Following Worship everyone is invited to Rice Hall for
Fellowship and Refreshments
Coffee hour is hosted by Nancy D'Onofrio, Tanya Stenson, & Deb Damrell

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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

Nancy Pasko, *Liturgist*

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—

People: from where will my help come?

Leader: My help comes from the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved;

People: the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

Leader: The one who keeps Israel

People: will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper;

People: the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day

People: nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

People: God will keep your life.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

People: from this time on and forevermore.

Let us worship God!

— *Psalm 121*

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#6, all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Nancy, *Liturgist*

All: Lord, tireless guardian of your people, ever prepared to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.

Support our prayer, lest we grow weary.

Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help.

Grant this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever.

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

Quiet Sea

by Jill Friedersdorf

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Nancy, Liturgist

Individual Retribution

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Covenant of the Heart

Pastor Jen

*** SERMON HYMN**

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

#16, all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing arranged by James
Mulholland

*** 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

CLOSING HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

#427, all verses

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE



6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Oh, praise the greatness of our God! Deut. 32:3

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre - a - tion,
 2. What God's al-might-y pow'r hath made His gra-cious mer-cy keep - eth,
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But, thru all grief dis - tress - ing,
 4. Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud His prais - es,

The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our sal -
 By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His watch - ful eye ne'er
 An ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, Our peace and joy and
 That men may hear the grate - ful song My voice un - wea - ried

va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - 'ry faith - less
 sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
 bless - ing. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand He leads His own, His
 rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and bod - y

mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry! A - men.

TEXT: Johann J. Schütz; translated by Frances E. Cox
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566

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16. We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

1 We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship Thee, God of our Fathers, we bless Thee
Thru life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;
When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise;
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.

427. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian Sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

3 Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

4 Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!