First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



JULY 28, 2024

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

The Altar Flowers today are provided by
Tom and Cathy Hall in memory of Stephen SJ Hall
and Lawrence W. Hall, fathers, sons, brothers, and husbands.

Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Your generosity is very much appreciated. Lots of vital ministry and mission work is still 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*Susan Krivitsky, *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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn DeBrusk, Liturgist

Liturgist: All your works shall give thanks to you,

O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: The Lord is faithful in all his words,

and gracious in all his deeds.

Liturgist: The Lord upholds all who are falling,

and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

Liturgist: You open your hand, satisfying

the desire of every living thing.

People: The Lord is near to all who call,

to all who call in truth. (Adapted from Psalm 145)

* OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

60 all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Liturgist

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

All:

Living God, we give thanks for the many blessings you bestow on our lives. The greatest of these is that the risen Christ dwells in our hearts — in the innermost recesses of our lives through the power of your Spirit. His love binds us to you and names us as members of your family. His love enriches and enhances our lives in ways that knowledge never could and enables us to accomplish far more than we could ever dream or

imagine. We worship and praise you, O God, for so

blessing our lives and we pray that all we do and say will bring glory to you and Christ whom we serve and in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.

SOLOIST Be Thou My Vision Scott Holmes

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE *John 6:1-21* Carolyn DeBrusk, *Liturgist*

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him. ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so

that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Where Did All Those People Come From Rev. Stan

* **SERMON HYMN** He Leadeth Me # 461 all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

* **SONG OF PRAISE** Doxology Unison

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

* CLOSING HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal # 483 all verses

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE