

First Trinitarian Congregational Church of Scituate, UCC



SEPTEMBER 8,
2024

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

The Altar Flowers today are provided by Nancy Spear
in loving memory of her husband, Wally,
on the 91st anniversary of his birth.

Please join us after Worship for
Fellowship and a Cookout!
Serving you this morning are
members from our CE Ministry Team.

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

Dana Blanks, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: God in Christ is at the center and the boundaries,
exploring truth and inviting us to follow.

People: Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: God the creator is within and without,
expanding and enhancing, always adding to our life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Liturgist: God the Holy Spirit moves us and motivates us,
calls us and leads us, hovering over us with peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*** OPENING HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 8 all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER Dana Blanks, *Liturgist*

Liturgist: O God, may we always see each other as
you see us. May we look with the eyes of
love rather than the eyes of judgment.

**People: May we be so deeply embedded in the truth of
our own humanity that we approach each other
with openness and hope, assuming that each
may have something to offer to our understanding
of life and as company for the future.**

Liturgist: As we turn our eyes on the world today and try to see what you see, these are the people and situations that move us and invite us to pray for your guidance and help:

People: **O God, without you we are so often lost in our lack of power to produce the changes, but with you we believe that nothing is impossible.**

All: **Give to us that faith now, that we may go and be your people in our day. Raise up your prophetic voices among us and give us a kindness of heart that gathers up the lost and the lonely around us. Be with us as we go, Jesus Christ.**

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.**

ANTHEM *Peace Like a River* arr. by Donald Moore

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE *Mark 7:31-37* Dana Blanks, *Liturgist*

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.

³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him,

“Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened, and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Be Opened

Rev. Stan

*** SERMON HYMN**

Amazing Grace

202 all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

Offertory Anthem *All the Glory Belongs to Jesus*
by Gloria & William Gaither

*** 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**

Be Thou My Vision

382 all verses

*** BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Please join us after Worship for a cookout!
Everyone is invited for
Food, Fun, and Fellowship!