

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



APRIL 19, 2026

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for Fellowship and Refreshments. Your hosts this week are **Wendy & Dave Hermance**
Flowers this week provided by **Brian Healey**
In celebration of Cassandra Healey's birthday today!

Your generosity is very much appreciated.
A great deal of vital ministry and mission work is being done each week. To make an offering, simply scan the QR code to access our secure online giving. Thank you!



Vince Maraventano, Pastor; William Richter, Director of Music;
Zandy Shepherd, Music Assistant; Scott Holmes, Sexton; Jennifer Bellucci, Admin
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* 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jen Smollett, Liturgist

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jen Smollett, Liturgist

Leader: This is the place and this is the time. Here and now God waits to break into our experience: to open our hearts, to change our ways, to change our lives.

All: To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light; to fill us with joy and hope for the future.

Leader: This is the place, as are all places; this is the time, as are all times.

All: Here and now, let us praise God.

***OPENING HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

#560, all verses

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jen Smollett, Liturgist

ALL: Holy Spirit you give breath to all living things; renew us by this same spirit that we may learn to respect what you have given, care for what you have made and live in peace and harmony with all of your Creation.

Be present with us this hour as we gather in search for truth and purpose.

May we greet one another with open hearts and minds, may we inspire each other to consider new questions and seek deeper meaning; may we cultivate wisdom and compassion. May we learn to live simply that others may simply live. May we renew our commitment to purify our lands, cleanse our waters and restore our air. Amen.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

arranged by Ed Lojeski

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children through grade 8 are invited to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:18-30

Jen Smollett, Liturgist

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Spirit of Renewal

Preacher Vince

*SERMON HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

#247, all verses

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *If Anybody Asks You* by Mark Hayes

***SONG OF PRAISE** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Preacher Vince

***CLOSING HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #578, all verses

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- April 19 - Annual Shopping Trip to Designer's Circus
- April 22 - Bible Study on the Book of Esther begins
- April 25 - Stop the Stigma 5k Run and Walk
- May 16- Habitat for Humanity Build in Abington

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