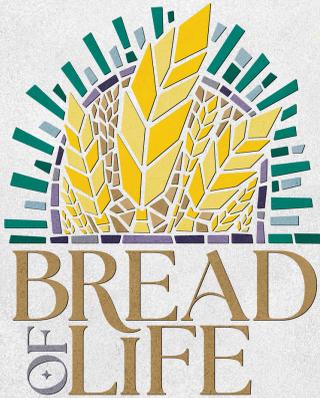


First Trinitarian  
Congregational Church  
of Scituate, UCC



**MARCH 15, 2026**

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

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for Fellowship and Refreshments. Your hosts this week are the **Mission & Outreach Team**.

Flowers this week are provided by **George and Janice White**.  
**In Loving Memory of Lucy Dean and Prue Miller, George's sisters.**

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!



Jen Christianson, Pastor; William Richter, Director of Music;  
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\* Invites those who are able to stand / **Bold indicates that the Congregation speaks**

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## **TIME FOR REVERENT REFLECTION**

*Upon entering, you are encouraged to sit quietly and enjoy the prelude*

## **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Jen

## **INTROIT**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Charlie Powers, Liturgist

One: You are invited to the feast of plenty. Let every willing soul join in the circle!

**All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

One: Wear whatever you have. You are welcome as you are!

**All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

One: At this celebration, no one is turned away. There is a place for you!

**All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Amazing Grace*

#202, all verses

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Charlie Powers, Liturgist

**God of fellowship, laughter, and friendship, you invite everyone to join in joyful worship. We are here not because we are better than anyone else but because we are all your beloved children. You welcome us into worship with extravagant love. May our hearts and minds be awakened. Be glorified in our worship today and in the fellowship we share. Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**LEADER:** Often, we choose ease or familiarity over inclusion. Let us confess our sins of exclusion together.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of extravagant feasts and open invitations, we confess our tables are often small and exclusive. When we should stretch our welcome to others, we limit seats to those we find useful, acceptable, or entertaining. We make plans without accommodating everyone's needs. We choose to leave people out**

rather than express boundaries that might feel uncomfortable. We choose a shallow sense of peace rather than the deep peace that comes after hard, healing conversations. While you do not require us to include people who cause us to feel unsafe or at risk, you do call us to welcome people we find different, difficult, or annoying. Give us good discernment to include those who challenge us and expand our capacity for compassion so we might love our neighbors as you love us. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus Died On Calvary's Mountain*

by K. Lee Scott

### **Children are Invited for Sunday School**

*All children through grade 8 are invited to Sunday school*

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 14:7-14

Charlie Powers, Liturgist

#### **9 Humility and Hospitality**

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**LEADER:** This is the word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Seating Rules at God's Table*

Pastor Jen

## \*SERMON HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

#426, all verses

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please respond to each set of petitions with the words:

**ALL: Bread of life, may we freely give to others.**

**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.**

## CALL TO GIVING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesus Paid It All*

arranged by Joan Pinkston

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*Doxology*

words by Rachel Hackenberg

**Just as we are, O God, receive  
This humble prayer on bended knee:  
Your love, so foolish, sets us free  
And lifts our tongues to sing, "Praise be!"**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jen

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, Speak to Me*

#450, all verses

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### Building Community, Building Hope!

- Book Study Meeting dates: 3/17, 3/24, 3/31
- March 22 - Pasta Potluck, after church
- April 1- Bake and Pray
- April 11 - Wine Dinner Fun-Raiser!
- April 12 - FTCC Parade Float!
- April 19 - Annual Shopping Trip to Designer's Circus
- April 25 - Stop the Stigma 5k Run and Walk

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