

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



JUNE 28, 2026

**Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost**

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**In honor of my two grandchildren, Anna and Tucker, both college
students in Colorado**

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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**

TIME FOR REVERENT REFLECTION

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

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jen

***CALL TO WORSHIP-** *from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City*
Susan Harris-Sharples Liturgist

Leader: God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?

All: To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me."

All: The Spirit says, "Come." Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come," for all are welcome here.

Let's worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Susan Harris-Sharples, Liturgist

ALL: Holy God of creativity and delight, we thank you for the broad diversity of your creation, for the ways that you have lovingly crafted each of us to reflect your image and your heart. Would you help us to be a people and a community that welcomes everyone fully, without hesitation or reservation, and celebrates the God-image in them. Would you shape us through our worship into your grateful, gracious, radically welcoming family of faith. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT- Reflections on Pride Month Guest Speaker Jackie Thornton

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4: 1-16

Susan Harris-Sharples, Liturgist

4 Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord."² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions.

And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.⁶ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen, your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

¹³ Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!

¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me."¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Brother-Problem

Pastor Jen

*SERMON HYMN

The Solid Rock

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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

Here I Am, Lord

*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

Pastor Jen

*CLOSING HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- July 12- Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
- July 15- Summer Book Club 7pm: *The Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang

350. *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace. [Refrain]

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end. [Refrain]

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Louisa M. R. Stead

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404. *The Solid Rock*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

The Solid Rock, Edward Mote

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241. *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

1. Lo, He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear:
All His saints, by men rejected,
Now shall meet Him in the air:
Alleluia! alleluia!
See the day of God appear.

4. Yea, Amen! let all adore Thee
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own:
O, come quickly, O, come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down.
Amen.