

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



AUGUST 2, 2026

**Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Coffee hour is on summer break. We will start back up on August 23rd.

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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!



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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 Psalm 86*

Tom Hall, Liturgist

Leader: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving

All: And great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Leader: Give ear to our prayers, O Lord,

All: And attend to the voice of our supplications.

Leader: In our times of trouble we will call upon you,

All: For you will answer us.

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,

All: Nor anything like your works.

Leader: All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,

All: And glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great;

All: You do wondrous things; and you alone are God. We worship you!

*OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Tom Hall, Liturgist

ALL: God, create in us a perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness. We make this our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you." ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God Has Other Stories

Pastor Jen

***SERMON HYMN**

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

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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

arranged by Jack Schrader

*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

COMMUNION- *today's communion liturgy is written by Mary Luti*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for inviting us to this Banquet of Life and feeding us with the good news of Jesus and his wondrous bread and cup. You are always glad to have us here around your family table. Help us notice who is missing. Make us everybody's neighbor. Send us to them as friends with your standing invitation to come, to eat, to know love, and be in peace at home. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- August 9- Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
- August 12- Summer Book Club 7pm *Joyful Anyway* by Kate Bowler
- August 21- Family Movie Night 7:30pm in Memorial Garden
- August 23- Blessing of the Backpacks at 10am worship

34. *The God of Abraham Praise*

1. The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM,
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name,
Forever blest.

2. The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and power;
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tower.

3. He by Himself hath sworn,
I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heaven ascend;
I shall behold His face,
I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.

4. The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise.
Amen.

The God of Abraham Praise, Thomas Olivers

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600. *If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

1. If you will only let God guide you,
And hope in Him thru all your ways,
Whatever comes, He'll stand beside you,
To bear you thru the evil days;
Who trust in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that cannot move.

2. Only be still, and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er the Father's pleasure
And all discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do your part in conscience true;
Trust His rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in you;
God hears the call of those in need,
The souls that trust in Him indeed.

If You Will Only Let God Guide You, Georg Neumark

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602. *God Be with You*

1. God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again;
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.