

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



JULY 26, 2026

**Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost**

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for Fellowship and Refreshments. Your host this week is **Cassandra Healey**

Flowers this week provided by **The Glowac Family**

In memory of friends: Ken Kelly, Tom Dwyer and Will Robinson

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;
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

Pastor Jen

***CALL TO WORSHIP-** *from Psalm 138*

Charlie Powers, Liturgist

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts;

All: Before all the earth we sing your praise;

Leader: We bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name

All: For your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

Leader: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All: On the day we called, you answered. You increased our strength of soul.

We worship you together!

*OPENING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Charlie Powers, Liturgist

ALL: Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our neighbors, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

MOMENT OF CELEBRATION AND FAREWELL

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant."⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?"¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'"¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The High Comedy of God

Pastor Jen

***SERMON HYMN**

Children of the Heavenly Father

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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

Be Thou My Vision

arranged by Bethany K. Smith

*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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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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

43. *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Thomas O. Chisholm

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44. *Children of the Heavenly Father*

1. Children of the heav'nly Father,
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers;
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your Defender,
Every foeman must surrender.
5. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Children of the Heavenly Father, Carolina Sandell Berg

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374. *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me thru pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.
Amen.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, George Matheson

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