

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

**Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for Fellowship and Refreshments. Your hosts this week are the **Varrasso and Tibbetts families**

Flowers this week provided by **Skip and Carolyn DeBrusk**
In Memory of their brothers, Dewey Peter DeBrusk and Deane Baker

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

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP ¹

Dana Blanks, Liturgist

Leader: Blessed is the name of God, from age to age,

All: To whom belongs wisdom and understanding;

Leader: Who gives wisdom to the wise,

All: And knowledge to those who have understanding;

Leader: Who reveals deep and hidden things,

All: And who knows what is hidden in shadows, with whom light dwells.

Leader: To you, the God of our ancestors in all ages, we give thanks and praise;

All: For you make wisdom and power your gift to us. We worship you!

*OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

#25

PRAYER OF INVOCATION ²

Dana Blanks, Liturgist

ALL: You care for your people, Lord. In the heat of the day, as we labor in your vineyard, we are covered like a cloud by your Holy Spirit. In the dark of night, your fire gives us light and warmth, and illuminates our path. When life's adversities well up before us like a great impassable sea, you part the waters and make us walk on solid ground. We hunger and we thirst, yet you never fail to sustain us. We are overwhelmed by your amazing love. We humbly offer our thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arranged by Ed Lojeski

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CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children through grade 8 are invited to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 1-16

Dana Blanks, Liturgist

²⁰ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Power: Pushovers and The Problem with Grace

Pastor Jen

*SERMON HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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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 *It Is Well With My Soul* arranged 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! Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** ³ Pastor Jen

***CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* #466

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- September 26- Work day at Pastor Jen’s new house
- October 25- Trunk or Treat and Potluck lunch

25. *Immortal, Invisible*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changest Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render - O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!
Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, Walter Chalmers Smith

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278. *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
 Formed thee for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
 Never fails from age to age!
3. Round each habitation hovering,
 See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a covering,
 Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.
 Amen.

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, John Newton
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466. *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

2. Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.
Amen.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Charles Wesley
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