

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



OCTOBER 18, 2026

**Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost**

Following Worship, everyone is invited to Rice Hall for Fellowship and Refreshments. Your hosts this week are **Carol Ann Green and Diane Teuten**

Flowers this week provided by **Larry and Judy Niland**
In memory of loved ones

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 WORSHIP¹

Kim Trudeau, Liturgist

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: We come to praise and exalt the name of the Lord.

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: Let us put aside our cares to worship the Lord.

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

All: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

#64

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

Kim Trudeau, Liturgist

ALL: Holy Spirit of God, make evident to us now your presence among us. Arouse our minds, kindle our imaginations, instruct our decisions, shape our conduct. Be evident in our arriving and our leaving, in our worship and our fellowship, in our corporate liturgy and our personal meditation. And give us grace, through it all, to embrace your will for us as persons and as congregation. Amen.

ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require?

by Eric Nelson

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CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children through grade 8 are invited to Sunday School

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 15-22

Kim Trudeau, Liturgist

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Currency of the Kingdom

Pastor Jen

***SERMON HYMN**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#410

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 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* by C.H.H. Parry

***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** Pastor Jen

***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* #382

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- October 25- Trunk or Treat and Potluck lunch
- November 8- Pledge/Consecration Sunday in Worship
- November 8- CPR Class/Stop the Bleed
- November 21- Mini Golf Fundraiser

64. *All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest an both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
5. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Amen.

All Creatures of Our God and King, William H. Draper

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410. *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4. When ends life's passing dream,
When death's cold, threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!
Amen.

382. *Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Amen.