

First Trinitarian
Congregational Church
of Scituate, UCC



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Following Worship, everyone is invited to the courtyard for a cookout.

Flowers this week provided by **Nancy Spear**
In Memory of her husband, Wally, on the anniversary of his 93rd birthday

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

Mary Ann Hermance, Liturgist

Leader: We are gathered together this morning because there is nothing better we can do.

All: We cannot do better than worshiping the God of all creation.

Leader: We cannot do better than seeking after the ways of Christ.

All: We cannot do better than sharing the fellowship of others who are drawn by God's welcoming and empowering Spirit.

All: With our presence, we offer our praise. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

Mary Ann Hermance, Liturgist

ALL: You called us to this place, O God, so we come; to rejoice in our summons, to be reunited with the family into which we are called; to marvel that you do not call us casually, but invest yourself in our work and worship. Give us here the gifts of love, mercy, and peace; then scatter us again, energized to use your gifts as ambassadors for Christ to an anxious world. Amen.

ANTHEM

It Fell Upon a Summer Day

by K. Lee Scott

CHILDREN ARE INVITED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children through grade 8 are invited to Sunday School

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 21-35

Mary Ann Hermance, Liturgist

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Practicing Forgiveness

Pastor Jen

*SERMON HYMN

Freely, Freely

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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 ²

OFFERTORY

Let Praises Fill This Place

by Keith Christopher

*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 ²

Pastor Jen

*CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- September 19- Bake and Pray workshop 9am-12pm
- September 20- Ministry Fair after worship
- September 26- Work day at Pastor Jen's new house

97. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
3. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, Edward Perronet

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447. *Freely, Freely*

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

Refrain:
He said Freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to

Refrain:
He said Freely freely
You have received
Freely freely give
Go in My name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live

234. *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thru all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side -
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him given
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.
Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns, Matthew Bridges
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