



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

January 30, 2022

We welcome you to this special Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this special Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Please mute your device microphone when you hear this signal, and leave your device muted for the entire worship service. Feel free to participate in responses and hymns while your device is muted.

Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

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Order of Worship
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Epiphany IV

January 30, 2022
Guest Preacher:
Church Musician:
Deacon:
Lector:
Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am
Gary Hatter
Suzanne Eaton
John Cunningham
Elise Adams
Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We welcome you to worship in this special place, and hope that you feel free to greet your friends and neighbors as you arrive. Please let the playing of the organ prelude signal a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So, we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise.

***OPENING HYMN**

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

NC 32

God of the sparrow

God of the hungry

God of the whale

God of the sick

God of the swirling stars

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Awe

How des the creature say Care

How does the creature say Praise.

How does the creature say Life

God of the earthquake

God of the neighbor

God of the storm

God of the Foe

God of the trumpet blast

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature cry Save

How does the creature say Peace.

God of the rainbow

God of the ages

God of the cross

God near at hand

God of the empty grave

God of the loving heart

How does the creature say Grace

How do your children say Joy

How does the creature say Thanks

How do your children say Home.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, as the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in his time, bring this word now to us. Touch our mouths and our hearts with your word today, that we may build on it in our lives, in the church, and in your world. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind.

A moment for silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

P 513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalms 36: 5 - 10

⁵Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13

¹³If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all

knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

NC 283

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Luke 4:21 - 30

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

P 397

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.*

*O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea!*

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart!*

*O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show!*

SERMON

Two Words

Gary Hatter

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

P 515

*Doxology (Unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

NC 76

*Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The see of the teaching,
Receptive hearts reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
And love shall unite us
To work for God's realm and to answer the call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
With your light now lead us,
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome

We welcome Gary Hatter as our guest preacher this morning. Gary and his wife Camille are visiting with us from Charlottesville, Virginia.

Notes:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

*All who are able, ***please stand***

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