



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

October 3, 2021

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**  
**World Communion Sunday**

October 3, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Dianne Yates

Lector:

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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/ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP (**Responsively**)

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

**We are created for community!**

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

**We are created for community!**

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

**We are created for community!**

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

**We are created for community!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

P 8

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flours before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Lord God, as you spoke long ago through the voices of your prophets, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of your Spirit and the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior.**

*A moment for silent prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

**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

### Genesis 2:18 - 24

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.  
**Out of the mouths of babes and infants**  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
**to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars that you have established;**  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
**mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;



**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,  
**and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### **Hebrews 1:1 - 4, 2:5 - 12**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Congregational Response

*Let It Breathe on Me*

NC 288

*Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,  
Let the breath of the Spirit breathe on me.  
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,  
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.*

### **Mark 10:2 - 16**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

<sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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.**

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology (**Unison**)

P 515

**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**)

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

\*HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table*

NC 332

*As we gather at your table,  
As we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Til we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
Other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us  
Nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (**Responsively**)

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

**Bless this bread, we pray.**

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

**Bless this cup, we pray.**

May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

**Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

*God, Bless Our Homes*

NC 429

*God, bless our homes with peace and love and  
laughter,*

*With understanding and with loyalty.*

*May we together follow Christ our Savior*

*And know the blessing of community.*

*May every heart receive God's loving spirit*

*And know the truth that makes life truly free;*

*Then, in that spirit may we live united,*

*And find in God our deep security.*

*Forgive the hurts our selfishness inflicted*

*On those we love and those who love us best.*

*Christ, heal the scars, and draw us all together*

*In God whose will is peace and joy and rest.*

*O God, in gratitude for homes and loved ones,*

*We open now our hearts to humankind.*

*Grant us your spirit—love for all our neighbors—*

*So in your peace may we our concord find.*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.*

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#### Notes:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

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

*Please be aware that we are still under State of Maine restrictions for COVID Prevention, which include requirements for face coverings & social distancing for all persons.*

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