



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

October 31, 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.

Join our Zoom worship service by clicking on the link below (Sunday beginning at 9:15 am):

[Click here to Zoom](#)

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## Other Links

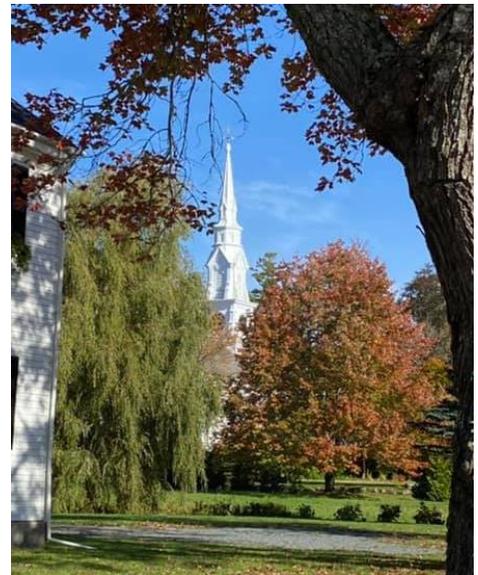
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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Proper 26**

October 31, 2021  
Pastor:  
Musician:  
Deacon:  
Lector:  
Zoom/YouTube Host

9:30 am  
Rev. Tim Hall  
Suzanne Eaton  
Dianne Yates  
Ray Nualla  
Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

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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**)

Come, saints of God, to a new heaven and earth, to the holy city, God's new Jerusalem,  
**the dwelling place of God is with humanity: God wipes away the tears from our eyes.**

The earth is God's and the fullness thereof, the words and all who dwell therein.

**Who shall ascend the hill of God, and who shall stand in God's holy place?**

All whose hands are clean and hearts pure shall know God's vindication and blessing.

**We give thanks to God, who has qualified us to share the inheritance of the saints.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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*All hail the power of Jesus' name!*

*Let angels prostrate fall;*

*Bring forth the royal diadem,*

*And crown him Lord of all.*

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*And crown him Lord of all.*

*Crown him, ye martyrs of our god,*

*Who from his altar call;*

*Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,*

*And crown him Lord of all.*

*Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,*

*And crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,*

*Ye ransomed of 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.*

*Let every kindred, every 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.*

*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.*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Eternal God, we gather in your presence to celebrate your goodness, the goodness we have seen in the dawning of a new day; the goodness we trust in one who faced death with the dawn of a resurrected life; the goodness we remember in those who live in the eternal dawn of your presence. So, we open our lives to a new day of life with you and lift all our prayers to celebrate your eternal goodness this day and evermore. Amen.**

## A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsively)

God of compassion, again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome strangers.

**We hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving.**

Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength.

**God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.**

Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge you, and yet

**we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.**

Forgive us these distractions we pray, even as we hold our shortcomings up for your forgiveness.

*A moment for silent prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

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**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

### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

<sup>6</sup>Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup>so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### Psalm 119:1 – 8

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
**who walk in the law of the LORD.**

Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
    who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong,  
    **but walk in his ways.**  
You have commanded your precepts  
    **to be kept diligently.**  
O that my ways may be steadfast  
    **in keeping your statutes!**  
Then I shall not be put to shame,  
    **having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**  
I will praise you with an upright heart,  
    **when I learn your righteous ordinances.**  
I will observe your statutes;  
    **do not utterly forsake me.**

### **Hebrews 9:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Congregational Response

*Seek Ye First*

Matthew 6:33

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

### **Mark 12:28-34**

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## 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

*I Believe*

Composed by Drake, Graham, Shirl, and Stillman  
Gene Fignar, piano; Pamela Pollak, cello; Tim Hall, voice

\*Doxology (Unison)

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**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)

**Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom, knowing that as we do, your will shall be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

\*HYMN

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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*In Christ there is no East or West,  
In him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Closebinding all mankind.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In him meet South and North;  
All Christly souls are one in him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

ENDING OF AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

Recognition of the End

Pastor Tim:

I thank the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last ten years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People:

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to follow God's call in new directions. We express our gratitude for your time among us. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

Pastor Tim:

I humbly accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Vows of Release  
Prayer

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

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*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my love; my Lord I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.*

\*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**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coming up on the Calendar

November 2	Election Day
November 2 9 a.m.	Bible Study
November 7	Time changes
November 7 9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
November 8 1 p.m.	Shawl Ministry
November 8 9 a.m.	Bible Study
November 11	Veterans' Day

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### Calling All Christmas Angels

TCPOC's Board of Deacons is joining with the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill UCC's "Christmas Angel Program" as a way to honor the memory of Irene Hall (she held this program dear), as well as to help children in our area have a warm Christmas. The program pairs children (newborns to 18 years) with "Angels" to provide clothing (up to 3 items per child). Applications have been placed across the peninsula including Emerson Hall, Witherle Memorial Library and as a handout to students at Adams School. We know the need is there. Will you swoop in and help?

If you are an angel at heart and would like to sponsor clothing for one child or more than one child, please contact Roberta Boczkiewicz at [bocz@wi.rr.com](mailto:bocz@wi.rr.com) or 262-470-3956, as soon as possible, but no later than November 15.