



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

February 27, 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**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

February 27, 2022

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Robert Vagt

Church Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Kim Smith

Lector:

Elise Adams

Zoom/YouTube Host:

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (**Responsively**)

“The LORD is king; let the people tremble.”

**The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake . . .**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy hill;

**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

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*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and  
sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**Unison**)

**By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**)

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved you as you command. We have not spoken truly.**

**We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you.**

*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

**Exodus 34:29-35**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>[a]</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**Psalm 99**

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The LORD is great in Zion:

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice,

**you have established equity;**

you have executed justice

**and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the LORD our God;

**worship at his footstool**

**Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

**Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

**they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**

O LORD our God, you answered them;

**you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the LORD our God,

**and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.**

## 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that<sup>[a]</sup> was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

<sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Congregational Response

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

NC 286

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, wind on the sea.*

## Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,<sup>[b]</sup> they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,<sup>[c]</sup> one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen;<sup>[d]</sup> listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he<sup>[a]</sup> shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.



\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

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

SERMON

Rev. Robert Vagt

### 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)

**Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. 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

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

NC 182

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.*

*Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet;  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess.  
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NNLB Postponed until March 4th**

The No Neighbor Left Behind meal which was scheduled for February 25 was postponed one week due to the weather forecast and concern for the safety of the delivery drivers. It has been rescheduled for **March 4th**. As some who were scheduled to prepare food won't be available on that date, there are some additional opportunities to provide food for this menu. Please contact Ruth Anne Vagt at 326-9244 or at [ruvagt@davidson.edu](mailto:ruvagt@davidson.edu). Thank you for being flexible.

**On the Calendar for March**

- March 1 Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- March 2 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
- March 6 Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- March 8 Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- March 13 Daylight Savings Time starts
- March 13 Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- March 14 Shawl Ministry, 1 p.m.
- March 15 Board of Deacons meeting, 4 p.m.
- March 17 Church Council meeting, 5 p.m.
- March 20 Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- March 22 Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- March 27 Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- March 29 Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- March 31 Baroque Music Master classes  
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.