



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

March 6, 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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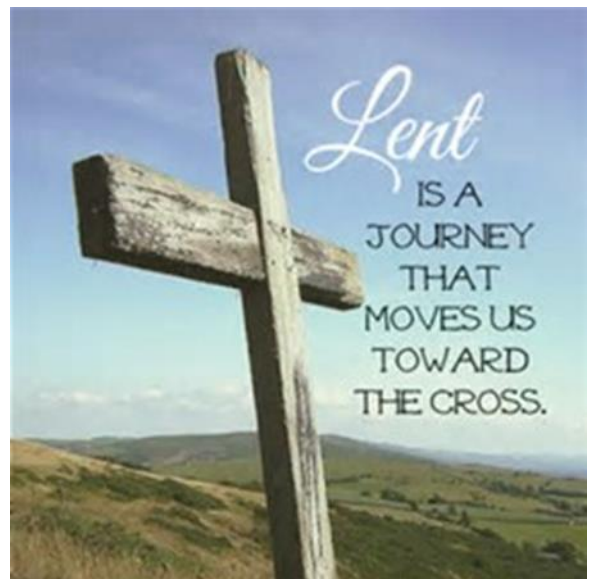
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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Lent I**

March 6, 2022

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Robert Vagt

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Roberta Boczkiewicz & Cora Hutchinson

Lector:

Ginger Snapp Cunningham

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 season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**The journey begins in the wilderness.**

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only trust and savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place;  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
And give us strength in every trying hour.*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives, until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.**

*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 26:1 - 11

26When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
**who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,**  
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress:  
**my God, in whom I trust."**  
Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
**the Most High your dwelling place,**  
no evil shall befall you,  
**no scourge come near your tent.**  
For he will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
**so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**  
You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
**I will protect those who know my name.**  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
**I will be with them in trouble,**  
**I will rescue them and honor them.**  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
**and show them my salvation.**

### **Romans 10:8 - 13**

<sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Congregational Response

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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*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 4:1 - 13**

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## 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.**

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

#### \*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)

**Gracious and generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### SERMON

Rev. Robert Vagt

#### \*HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today!  
With thy wonted lovingkindness  
Hear they people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain:  
What they gain from thee forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One;  
One in might, and One in glory,  
While unending ages run.*



INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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*Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend: Come, and thy people bless,  
And give thy word success; Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.*

*To the great One in Three  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore! His sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see, And to eternity  
Love and adore.*

### \*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming meetings

March 15 Board of Deacons meeting, 4 p.m.

March 17 Church Council meeting, 5 p.m.

### Don't be late to church

Beware – the time changes on Sunday, March 13.  
Spring ahead!

