



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

April 24, 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**  
**Easter II**

April 24, 2022

Pastor:

Musician

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am

Dr. Andi Lloyd

Suzanne Eaton

Ruth Anne Vagt

Jimmy Goodson

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)**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

NC 230

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain*

*Of triumphant gladness;*

*God has brought all Israel*

*Into joy from sadness;*

*Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke*

*Jacob's sons and daughters;*

*Led them with unmoistened foot*

*Through the Red Sea waters.*

*Spring has dawned on earth today;*

*Christ has burst his prison,*

*And from three days' sleep in death*

*As the sun has risen;*

*All the winter of our sins,*

*Long and gray, is flying*

*From the Light, to whom we give*

*Laud and praise undying.*

*Now the joyous season, bright*

*With the day of splendor,*

*With the royal feast of feasts,*

*Comes its joy to render;*

*Come to glad Jerusalem*

*Who with true affection*

*Welcomes in unwearied strains*

*Jesus' resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death,*

*Nor the tomb's dim portal*

*Nor the watchers, nor the seal*

*Hold you as a mortal;*

*But today amidst the twelve*

*you still stand, bestowing*

*Peace and joy which evermore*

*Passes human knowing.*

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

**Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of the empty tomb, we long to believe, but we confess that some days, the voices of fear and doubt are all that we can hear. When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are bewildered by our doubts, draw near to us and give us peace. Amen.**

*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

**Acts 5:27-32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

**Psalms 118:14-29**

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

### **Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Congregational Response

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

NC 292

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew*

*That I may love the way you love  
and do what you would do.*

### **John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

\*HYMN

*We Live by Faith and Not by Sight*

NC 256

*We live by faith and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear  
From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
who still we know is near.*

*Help then, O Christ, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:*

*We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
nor follow where Christ trod;  
but in confessing we rejoice:  
our Savior and our God!*

*That, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.*

SERMON

Dr. Andi Lloyd

### 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 One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for all who seek you. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. 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

*Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People*

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*Lift up your hearts, ye people,  
In songs of glad accord,  
And in your adoration  
Praise Christ, your risen Lord.  
For He hath won the victory,  
O'er sin and death's dark night,  
And filled the gloom and darkness  
With resurrection light.*

*Now let the earth be joyful  
In springtime's bright array,  
Let hearts downcast and lonely  
Rejoice this Easter day;  
The grave has lost its triumph,  
And death has lost its sting,  
O, sing in exultation  
To Christ, your risen King!*

\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE

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**Notes:**

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*;

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Congregational Meeting**

A special meeting of the congregation will take place immediately following worship TODAY to consider the motion of the Search Committee to call Dr. Andrea Lloyd as our “settled” pastor. All members are encouraged to attend either in person or on Zoom.