



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

April 3, 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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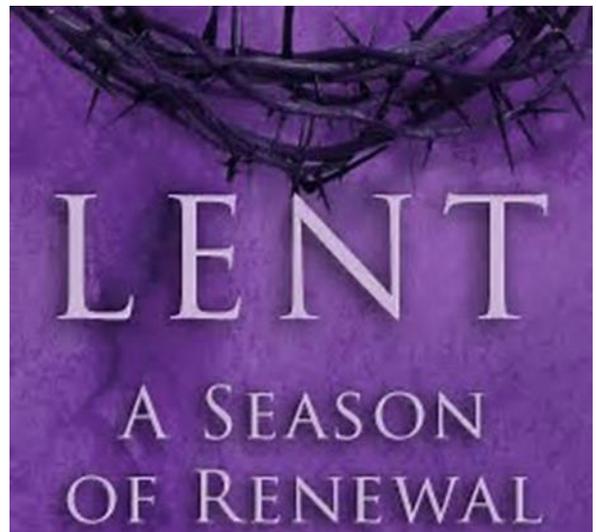
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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Lent V**

April 3, 2022  
Pastor:  
Guest Musician:  
Deacon:  
Lector:  
Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am  
Gary Hatter  
Dana Polojarvi  
Ruth Anne Vagt  
Pam Scott  
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)**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

**We rejoiced: "The LORD has done great things for us."**

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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*Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.**

*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

### Isaiah 43:16 - 21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy;**  
then it was said among the nations,

**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

The LORD has done great things for us,  
**and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
**like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears  
**reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,  
**bearing the seed for sowing,**  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
**carrying their sheaves.**

### Philippians 3:4b - 14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

<sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.*

### **John 12:1 - 8**

<sup>12</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

### 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**)

**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.**

P 515

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

SERMON

Pastor Gary Hatter

\*HYMN

*God Loved the World*

NC 208

*God loved the world, and loving gave  
a wondrous gift, the lost to save,  
That all who would in Christ believe  
should everlasting life receive.*

*If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer;  
Christ Jesus saves us all from death;  
that is the firmest ground of faith.*

*Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.*

*Be of good cheer, for God in Christ  
forgives the flock, by sin enticed,  
And justified by Jesus' blood,  
your baptism grants the highest good.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN

*O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns*

NC 212

*O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,  
In every city for your love and care;  
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising  
That your blessed Spirit rouses everywhere.*

*Grant us new courage, never proud, but humble,  
Strong in your strength to venture and to dare;  
To lift the fallen, guide the ones who stumble,  
Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.*

*Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,  
As you once wept above Jerusalem,  
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,  
And healing those who touch your garment's hem.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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