



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

May 22, 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 VI

May 22, 2022

9:30 am

Worship Leader:

Pastor Gary Hatter

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Rick Hightower

Lector:

Pam Scott

Liturgist:

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Zoom/YouTube Host:

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Ministers: All Members

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)**

My Child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you,

making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

if you indeed cry out for insight,

and raise your voice for understanding;

if you seek it like silver,

and search for it as for hidden treasures –

then you will understand the fear of the LORD

and find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:1-5

***OPENING HYMN**

God of Abraham and Sarah

NC 20

*1 God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Moses, Miriam's Guide;
God of David and the prophets,
God in Jesus glorified;
Up from the dust you raise a people,
Breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
Down through the years the people praise you
Till alleluias make them whole!*

*2 God who dances in creation,
Spinning stars above our heads;
God whose face is scribed in music,
By whose hand the earth is fed;
Up from the ground you raise the mountains,
Raise our spirits, lift our eyes;
Down through the years your people praise you
Till alleluias flood the skies!*

*3 God who loves the poor in spirit,
God who comforts those who mourn;
Balm for wounds, the friend of sinners,
Taking the side of earth's forlorn;
Up from the depths you raise your people,
Giving them courage for the day;
Down through the years the people praise you
Till alleluias light their way!*

*4 In our lives from birth to dying,
Depth of sorrow, height of joy;
Praising God in every season,
Let every key our hearts employ.
Praise is the healing, praise, the glory,
Praise is the final mystery;
Down through the years let people praise you
Till alleluias set them free!*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Living God, you sent your apostles to preach the gospel in diverse places throughout the world. Among women praying in seclusion, a certain woman was Spirit-led to open her heart and home to help expand the gospel's reach. By the same power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts today as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world.

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 16:9 - 15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light,

and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²²Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Congregational Response

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

NC 292

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.*

John 5:1-9 & John 14:23 - 29

⁵After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

NC 576

*1 For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.*

*2 Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.*

3 All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4 You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind.
For our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

SERMON

A Certain Woman

Pastor Gary Hatter

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)

Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

Christ Will Come Again

NC 608

1 *Christ will come again,
God's justice to complete,
to reap the fields of time
and sift the weeds from wheat:
then let us passionately care
for peace and justice here on earth,
and evil's rage restrain with love,
till Christ shall come again.*

2 *Christ will come again
and life shall be complete.
The waters from the throne
shall wash the nations' feet:
then let us passionately care
for health and wholeness here on earth,
and ease our neighbors pain with love,
till Christ shall come again.*

3 *Christ will come again,
and joy shall be complete
as flames of lightning love
bedeck the judgment seal:*

*then let us passionately share
the whole great gospel here on earth,
until all things attain their end,
when Christ shall come again.*

*BENEDICTION

*TRIBUTE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

P 429

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea.*

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DMCC Picnic

On May 25, at 11 am, the Dr. Mary Cushman Circle will hold its annual Picnic and Meeting in the garden or the Church Vestry depending on the weather.

Ukrainian Relief Fair Fundraiser

A Ukrainian Relief Fair will be held at Emerson Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 28. Sponsored by the Castine Arts Association, the fair will provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to sell items in support of Ukraine relief organizations. A baked goods table will offer tasty treats with a request for donations. And, Ray Nualla will represent TCPOC with a table selling Filipino Egg Rolls and Flan. See you at the fair.

Ministry of Food & Love

One of our important ongoing programs, the Ministry of Food & Love, provides vital relief for our neighbors in need. Your donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are taken by our Deacons to H.O.M.E. in Orland and the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Blue Hill. Please deposit items in the baskets in the church narthex, or in the food collection point at the Castine Town Hall on Court Street. We would also ask your prayerful consideration of monetary support, whether instead of or in addition to the goods themselves. Thank you for your continuing support of this important ministry, which helps us to serve as God's hands and feet in the world, giving hope and help to those in need.



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