



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

May 23, 2021

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
Castine, Maine
Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Pastor:

Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host

9:30 am

Rev. Tim Hall

Suzanne Eaton

Rick Hightower

Jimmy Goodson

Amy Stewart

Roberta Boczkiewicz

Ministers: All Members

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We welcome you to worship in this special place. Please be aware that we are still under State of Maine restrictions for COVID Prevention, which include requirements for face coverings and social distancing at all times in the church building. Please let the playing of the prelude signal a time of quiet and meditation as we prepare for the Word of God.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE/ACOLYTE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

God declares: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

The young shall see visions.

The elders shall dream dreams.

Both men and women shall prophesy.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2:17, 21

*OPENING HYMN

Let Every Christian Pray

*Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*Was not the church we love commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
to seek, and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn,
the gifts of Pentecost.*

*Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*Unite, instruct, inspire and fill us with your fire:
come, Holy Spirit, come!*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, you come among your people as One who fashioned all things, who, face-to-face, revealed your knowledge of our lives, and whose presence brings assurance and hope. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A LITANY FOR PENTECOST (Responsively)

God, by your Holy Spirit you equip us to make known your grace and goodness.

Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality,

Freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

Holy Spirit, direct the tempos of our life.

Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do,

Freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

Holy Spirit, inspire our efforts and guide our aims.

Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence,

Freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever present needs,

Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom.

Freed for careful research which grounds medical advances,

Freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments to peaceful resolution of conflict,

Holy Spirit, grant us patience.

Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger,

Freed for bridging generations and centuries with our enduring love,

Holy Spirit, grant us courage.

Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children,

not merely for what they produce and the services they provide;

Freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,

Holy Spirit, bind us together as your family.

Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology,

Freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,

Holy Spirit, instill in us Christ's peace which passes all understanding; God's love which encourages and equips; and joy in the Lord which knows no end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture; guide us to your way; keep us in your care; and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace.

A moment for silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

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 2:1 - 21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
**creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**
³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—
³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Congregational Response

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

*To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*HYMN

Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and blight;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earthbound souls to glory high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.*

*Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people’s ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the church’s ministry;
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul;
In community unending you we worship and extol.*

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

A MOMENT OF OFFERING

*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.**

*Prayer of Dedication (**Unison**)

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE CHURCH AT 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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear:
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove.
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.*

*BENEDICTION

*TRIBUTE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*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.

Notes:

*All who are able, ***please stand.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendar - No Neighbor Left Behind

The next opportunity to help feed over 100 of our neighbors will be **Friday, May 28**. The menu will be Shepherd's Pie (with ground beef), vegetable, rolls, fruit and a chocolate chip cookie. If you'd like to contribute meal components or volunteer for assembly and delivery, contact our meal coordinator, Ruth Anne Vagt at 326-9244. Thanks for your help!