



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

June 6, 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.

Join our Zoom worship service by clicking on the link below (Sunday beginning at 9:15 am):

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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Castine, Maine**  
Proper 5

June 6, 2021  
Pastor:  
Church Musician  
Deacon:  
Lector:  
Zoom/YouTube Host

9:30 am  
Rev. Tim Hall  
Suzanne Eaton  
Barbara Cooper  
Elise Adams  
Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

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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 for all unvaccinated persons. 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)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down towards your holy temple

**and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

**for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,

**you increased my strength of soul.**

*Psalms 138:1 – 3*

\*OPENING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
Unto us so freely given,  
Graces, human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For they Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Make us new again with your holy grace. Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives. We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life. But around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Forgive, we pray, our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us. Hear us now as we lift our sin up for your cleansing and forgiveness.**

*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

### 1 Samuel 8:4-20

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations."<sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, <sup>7</sup>and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." <sup>10</sup>So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots;

(<sup>12</sup>and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. <sup>15</sup>He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.)

<sup>16</sup>He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but

the LORD will not answer you in that day.”<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us,<sup>20</sup>so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

### Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down toward your holy temple

**and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

**for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,

**you increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,

**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

**for great is the glory of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;

**but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

**you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

you stretch out your hand,

**and your right hand delivers me.**

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

**your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.<sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Congregational Response

*I Would Be True*

*I would be true, for there are those who trust me;*

*I would be pure, for there are those who care;*

*I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;*

*I would be brave, for there is much to dare,*

*I would be brave, for there is much to dare.*

## Mark 3:20-35

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.<sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

### THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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.**

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

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer these gifts that they may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

SERMON

*The Jesus Cult?*

Rev. Tim Hall

\*HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,*

NC 347

Let us Talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy;  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, At his table he set the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loves abound!

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak*

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Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of thy tone;  
As thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand  
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers with the troubled sea!

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart!

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show!

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.*

**Notes:**

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

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