



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 11, 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
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Proper 10

July 11, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Bobby Vagt

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

John Cunningham

Lector:

Jackie Modesett

Zoom/YouTube Host

Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

We welcome you to worship in this special place. 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 has accomplished all things through Christ,
so that we might live as God's own children.

Let us give thanks to God
and live for the praise of God's glory.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

NC 459

*Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.*

*Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us, that we might praise Christ's glory. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another. Yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

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

Amos 7:7 – 15

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Psalm 85:8 - 13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people,

to his faithful,

to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him,

and will make a path for his steps.

Ephesians 1:3 - 14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Congregational Response

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

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Mark 6:14 - 29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*HYMN

*My Life flows On in Endless Song
(How Can I Keep From Singing)*

NC 476

*My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul —
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though my joys and comforts die?
My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round?
A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain every springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's —
How can I keep from singing?*

SERMON

In Christ

Rev. Bobby Vagt

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**)

Eternal God, thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace, that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring blessing to others and praise to your glorious name. Amen

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

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.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

NC 436

*God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Make our broken spirits whole,
Make our broken spirits whole.*

*From the evils that surround us
And assail the Savior's ways,
From the fears that long have bound us –
Free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces,
in the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
In the quest for liberty,
In the quest for liberty.*

*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:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

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

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.

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***The Flowers on our Communion Table this morning
are given to the Glory of God.***



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembering Irene



The TCP church family is invited to a special reception celebrating the life of Irene M. Hall. The reception will take place immediately after worship services at 10:30 am today in the beautiful garden behind the church.* Rev. Tim will be joined by sons Travis and Parker to meet you and hear your special “Irene” stories.

While Irene was not one for big crowds, ceremonies or memorial services, she did love fellowship and food. Thus, our reception is intended for the church congregation, family, and invited friends, and will feature some tasty treats for you to enjoy. No need to RSVP, just drop by, visit, eat, stay as long as you like, and enjoy the friendship that Irene felt in our church and our community. That’s what Irene would have enjoyed the most.

* In the event of inclement weather, the reception will be held in the church vestry.

COVID Time Capsule

The coronavirus and the COVID pandemic is a global event that affects everyone in some way and should be remembered.



A group of people in the church is working on a COVID Time Capsule, which will eventually be planted in the church garden to memorialize the pandemic. We are looking for short reflections from church members and friends relating how the pandemic affected the life and ministries of the church, along with their personal recollections and memories of church and faith life in the isolation of the pandemic. We are also looking for small artifacts that remind us (and those in the future) of what it was like to live through the pandemic in our generation.

We invite you to think about this project, and submit your testimonies and ideas for artifacts to Kay Hightower khightower59@msn.com 326-8932.

Village Bumble Sale



The Dr. Mary Cushman Circle will hold a yard and bake sale August 7th. Carefully selected items for sale will be accepted at the Main Street Church on Wednesday, August 4th and Thursday, August 5th between 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sale will begin Saturday, August 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

July 12	Church Council	4 p.m.
July 15	Church Council	4 p.m.
July 20	Board of Deacons	4 p.m.