



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 18, 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 11

July 18, 2021

9:30 am

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. James L. Haddix

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

John Cunningham

Lector:

James Eaton

Zoom/YouTube Host:

Roberta Boczkiewicz

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/ACOLYTE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever,

and build your throne for all generations.'"

Psalm 89:1 - 4

***OPENING HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today!
With thy wonted lovingkindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

God of power and glory, Your light shines on Your people throughout the world. Your truth lies before us, in plain sight, within our grasp. Grant that Your Spirit may be within us this hour, that we may see, and hear, and understand Your will and Your Word, and that we might sing Your praises now and forever more. We ask these mercies in the name of the Word, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls.

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

Jeremiah 23:1 - 6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalms 23 (King James Version)

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Ephesians 2:11 - 22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Congregational Response

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

Mark 6:30 - 34, 53 - 56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had

found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

*HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, thine we are.*

*We are thine; do thou befriend us; Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear thy children when they pray.*

*Early let us seek thy favor; Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. James Haddix

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.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for the world. Amen.

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.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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*The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.*

*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**

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Welcome, Dr. Haddix

Pastor Tim concludes his vacation today. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. James L. Haddix to our church and our pulpit.

Dr. Haddix was Pastor and Teacher of Bangor's All Souls Church (1990 – 2016). He graduated Boston University School of Theology (Th.M, *magna cum laude*, 1971) and is a Frank D. Howard Fellow of the School. In 1980, he earned his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Boston University Graduate School. Beyond pastoral duties, Dr. Haddix served many denominational, ecumenical, interfaith, academic, and community groups and institutions. A member of the adjunctive faculty (Old Testament) of Bangor Theological Seminary (1991 until the school closed in 2013), he is currently a member of the continuing faculty of Grace Evangelical Seminary in Bangor. He is convener and moderator of the Greater Bangor Pastor Theologian

group, a national program founded at The Center of Theological Inquiry by Rev. Dr. Wallace Alston of Castine. He is President of the Board of Sarah's House, a cancer hospitality house, in Holden, Maine; and is also: a member of the Board at Bangor's Phillips-Strickland House; of the Spiritual Life Committee of Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center; of the advisory board of John Bapst Memorial High School; and is a Greater Bangor Area Street Pastor. He's a decades-long member of *Sentimental Journey*, a 16-member big band led by Si Yates of Castine in which Pastor Tim Hall often plays trumpet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meeting

July 20 Board of Deacons 4 p.m.

No Neighbor Left Behind

The next opportunity to help feed over 100 of our neighbors will be Friday, July 30. The menu will be ham, potato salad, vegetables, melon, and cornbread. If you would 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!



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.

COVID Time Capsule

The COVID pandemic is a global event that has affected everyone in some way. It is an event that should be remembered.

To that end, 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.



Peninsula Free Health Clinic

Peninsula Free Health Clinic will be open on the following dates in July:

Monday, July 19 from 3-6pm

Monday, July 26 from 3-6pm

The Clinic is located at 26 Hinckley Ridge Road in Blue Hill, and provides free healthcare to uninsured people on the Blue Hill Peninsula. Call 207-374-5585 for more information.

