



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 4, 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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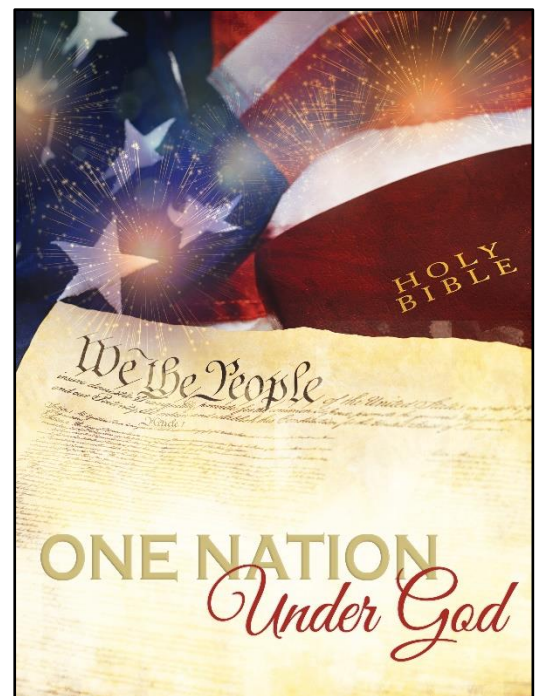
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Order of Worship
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Proper 9

July 4, 2021
Pastor:
Church Musician
Deacon:
Lector:
Zoom/YouTube Host

9:30 am
Rev. Tim Hall
Suzanne Eaton
John Cunningham
Barbara Cooper
Amy Stewart

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 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

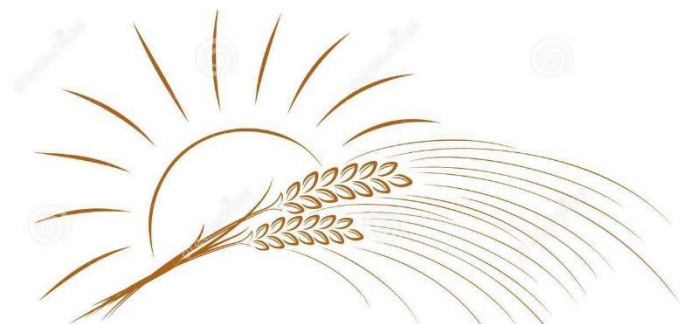
CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

God is mighty in word and deed.

God's mercy is everlasting.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.



***OPENING HYMN**

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

P 440

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living.

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

Ezekiel 2:1 - 5

²He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

2 Corinthians 12:2 - 10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On

behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Congregational Response

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Refrain)

P 443

Glory! glory! Hallelujah!

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His truth is marching on.

Mark 6:1 - 13

⁶He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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)

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)

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

*HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

P 437

*My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside Let freedom ring.*

*Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues a wake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break; The sound prolong.*

*My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.*

*Our father's God, to thee,
Author of liberty, To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

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*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to neverending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Notes:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where's Tim?

Pastor Tim will be stepping away for a bit of vacation beginning tomorrow, July 5. Bobby Vagt will lead worship on July 11th, and The Rev. Dr. James Haddix has agreed to lead worship on July 18 (Dr Haddix was Tim's pastor and mentor during his discernment and formation as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ). Tim is not usually one to take vacations in the summer, but his son Travis, who is a schoolteacher in Austin, Texas, is coming up to visit, and the church council has graciously allowed Tim to take some time off to be with his family.



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. and 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

