



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 1, 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
Proper 13

August 1, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Ruth Anne Vagt

Lector:

Elise Adams

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**)

Come, let us worship our God,

for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Parent of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another in love.

*OPENING HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

NC 351

*I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;*

*I'll be there in case you wander off
And find where demons dwell.*

*When you found the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;*

*You were raised to praise the living God,
To whom you now belong.*

*Should you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,*

*I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of love and light, we gather today in the quiet of this place to give you praise and thanks. Be with us, we pray, in your upholding and sustaining spirit, that we may feel and know your love for us and rededicate our lives in Your service. We ask this through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us, we pray. By your grace, help us to grow in every way into the love of Jesus 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

Exodus 16:2 - 4, 9 - 15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"

¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Psalms 78:23 - 29

Yet he commanded the skies above,

and opened the doors of heaven;

he rained down on them manna to eat,

and gave them the grain of heaven.

Mortals ate of the bread of angels;

he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,

and by his power he led out the south wind;
he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;
he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.
And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.

Ephesians 4:1 - 16

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Congregational Response

Seek Ye First

Matthew 6:33

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness.*

And all these things shall be added unto you!

Allelu, Alleluia!

John 6:24 - 35

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They

said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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**)

Loving God, as you fed your people in the wilderness, use our gifts, time, and talents as the manna to meet the hungers of the world in which we live. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

SERMON

Living Sacramentally

Rev. Tim Hall

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

NC 330

*Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, My God, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, My God, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, My God, have mercy on me.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

NC 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of love, our love's expression,
Love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
Into joy and laughter lead.*

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
Live as one who bears Christ's name.*

*Child of God your loving Parent,
Learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.*

*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

J.S. Bach

Notes:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Sydney

Washed by the waters of baptism this morning is **Sydney Hamner Vagt**, the daughter of Lindsey Vagt of Castine. Sydney will be baptized by her maternal grandfather, the Rev. Bobby Vagt. We join in offering our blessings and support for Sydney, Lindsey, and the entire Vagt family.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14)

Call to the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, United Church of Christ, will be held on Sunday, August 15th, 2021, in the sanctuary of the church, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be:

- to receive reports of officers, councils, boards, and committees;
- to approve the annual budget;
- to elect the slate of nominees for church elective positions;
- to act upon amendments to the bylaws concerning the streamlining of church governance and other issues; and
- to act upon such other business as may appropriately come before said meeting.

Roberta Boczkiewicz, Administrative Chair