



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 15, 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):

[Click here to Zoom](#)

You may also choose to watch this worship service on our YouTube site:

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Other Links

Our website: www.tcpoc.org

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Order of Worship
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
Castine, Maine
Proper 15

August 15, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Ruth Anne Vagt

Lector:

Ginger Snapp-Cunningham

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, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Depart from evil, and do good;

Seek peace and pursue it.

from Psalm 34

***OPENING HYMN**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

P 7

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.*

*To all, life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Almighty God, in the Spirit of Love and Truth, greet us today as we gather in this sacred space. Surround us and connect us with the matters of our hearts, that we may worship you and give you praise with honesty and forthrightness. Make still the troubles in our minds, that we may feel your presence and give you thanks. We ask these things in the name of the one who promises to be with us when two or more are gathered in his name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ.

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

Proverbs 9:1 – 6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
⁴ "You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
⁵ "Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Psalms 34:9 - 14

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Ephesians 5:15 - 20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, Alleluia!*

John 6:51 – 58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

NC 286

Refrain:

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*

Refrain

*You swept through the deserts, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

Refrain

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

Refrain

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

Refrain

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)

Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor, and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. 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

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NC 393

*Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life
is like to that above.*

*We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
A sympathizing tear.*

*Before our God we come
And pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hope, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.*

*When we are called to part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.*

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 & social distancing for all unvaccinated persons.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 15, 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 such other business as may appropriately come before said meeting.

Roberta Boczkiewicz, Administrative Chair

Note: The Council has by consensus agreed to withdraw the proposed Bylaws changes presented for the 2021 Annual Meeting. These changes will not be considered or voted on at the Annual Meeting. Instead, the Council will consider proposals to create a special Bylaws Committee to study the shortcomings of our present Bylaws, compare possible solutions to those problems, and draft a new proposal for Bylaws changes for presentation to the church membership at a future meeting.

We sincerely appreciate the comments and concerns raised by the presentation of possible bylaws changes. This demonstrates the interest the congregation has in church governance, and the passion they feel with issues of membership and participation in our local faith community. We look forward to working with the congregation in the harmony and unity of our faith as we address our logistical problems and challenges in the future.

Upcoming Meetings

August 15, immediately following service, Annual Meeting

August 17, 4 p.m., Board of Deacons

August 19, 4 p.m., Church Council

Flowers

Each week the deacons of the church work to decorate our communion table with examples of God's beautiful creation in plants and flowers. We are always looking for people who enjoy gathering and arranging flowers to help us with this visual offering. We're also happy to accept donations of flowers from local florists, or from celebrations and ceremonies occurring around town. Look for a sign-up list for flower donations in our church vestry, or speak to the deacon listed in our worship bulletin each Sunday for more information regarding this tribute and reminder of the gifts of God that surround us every day.