



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 28, 2022

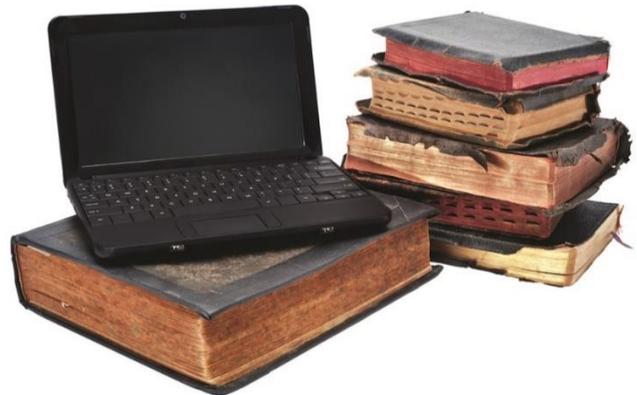
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves 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.

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The sermon text will be posted on Pastor Andi's website: www.andilloyd.com .

Order of Worship

August 28, 2022

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Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	Ray Nualla
Lector:	Ray Nualla
Liturgist:	John Cunningham
Zoom/YouTube Host:	Amy Stewart

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

INTERLUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who thirst for grace.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

Come, you who are like a child at home.

Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.

We have come to worship God.

Then let us worship well.

-Written by Beth Merrill Neel, 'Hold Fast to What is Good.'
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*OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(music & words below)

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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Christ our Light, with every morning you welcome us into the world and with your lavish care you meet our hunger and our thirst. Give us eyes to see the feast you have placed within these hours: hallowed, holy, blessed day. Amen.

-Written by Jan Richardson, *In the Sanctuary of Women*

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN - Image of "The Party" (see insert) by James B. Janknegt (www.bcartfarm.com); Used with Permission.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To confess is to open our hearts to God - to open, especially, those rooms that hold the things that we're not proud of. It's vulnerable work, confession. But we do it trusting that God will

meet us with grace and with mercy. And so, we offer this prayer of confession, first aloud, in unison, and then individually, in silence. Let us pray.

Merciful God, you invite us into an economy of love that is not earned, but given freely away. We confess that too often, we turn away. We love You when it's convenient. We love our neighbors from a distance. We love ourselves when we think we've earned it. Forgive us, Holy One. Tender our hearts, that we might love as You love: without condition and without end. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sees us clearly, God loves us completely, and by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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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 25:6-7

- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
- ⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Psalm 112

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- ⁴ **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.**
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**
- ⁹ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

**¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

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*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

SERMON

A Whole New Table

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed
(music & words below)

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THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Antonin Dvorak

Suzanne Eaton, Soprano, James Eaton, Tenor; Pam Pollak, cello, Gene Fignar, piano.

*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)

Gracious God, our gratitude runs deep for the gifts you have given: an earth that provides, a community that loves, and all of the blessings in our lives. We dedicate to you our humble gifts, as a way of saying *thank you*. Bless these gifts, O God, and magnify the good they do. May they be like seeds, spreading your love and your hope wherever there is need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
(music & words below)

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Study Opportunity -

Spirit and Nature: A Walking Workshop on Ecology & Theology

Join Pastor Andi for a walk in Witherle Woods, Sunday, **August 28, 4:30 p.m.** We'll meet at the parking area on Battle Avenue and walk to Blockhouse Point and back. All are welcome!

Interested in joining the church? Pastor Andi and the Board of Deacons will host a Q & A about membership after worship on September 11. New Member Sunday will be held in October.

NOTES

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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James Watts, 1874-1798, alt.

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
"Gesangbuch," Wittenberg, 1784



1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be-low, But makes thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dia-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev-ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A men.



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WORKS IN CREATION

SERVICE

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We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19;
John 13:34-35; 15:12-17

Mary Bryan Matney, 1990

1 We plant a grain of mus-tard seed, and in our faith we find
2 Our ac-tions, more than words, de-fine how love's ex-am-ple feeds
3 When stooped to lend a help-ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
4 Make love our pur-pose, love our aim, for love en-dures all things,

the proof of God is love, in-deed, which blos-soms from its kind;
a great-er love, for love di-vine bursts forth from small-est seeds;
for love in-vest-ed will ex-pand to bear the fruit love yields;
and choos-ing love our lives will claim the peace for-give-ness brings;

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for love in-vest-ed will ex-pand to bear the fruit love yields.
and choos-ing love our lives will claim the peace for-give-ness brings.

5 So may our new be-gin-nings prove,
like liv-ing bread and wine,
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine;
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine.

6 Our lives will be ful-filled and blessed
if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we pro-cess
the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we pro-cess
the love of Christ is known.

Mary Bryan Matney and Sally Ann Morris wrote this hymn in 1990 for the marriage of friends. In 1992, it won first prize in its category in a hymnwriting competition sponsored by the Charlotte, North Carolina chapter of the American Guild.

Tune: NEW BEGINNINGS 8.6.8.6.8.6.
Sally Ann Morris, 1990

WITNESS

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God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872