



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 29, 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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## Other Links

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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Proper 17**

August 29, 2021

Pastor:

Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am

Rev. Tim Hall

Suzanne Eaton

Ruth Anne Vagt

Judith Sandven

Amy Stewart

Ministers: All Members

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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)**

Who may abide in the presence of God?

**Who may live on God's holy mountain?**

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**All those who speak truth from their heart.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

P 478

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky,  
Refrain*

*Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.*

Refrain

Refrain

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the truth of your commandments. Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world; through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts.**

*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

**Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2, 6 - 9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

**Psalm 15**

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

**Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

**and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue,

**and do no evil to their friends,**

**nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;**

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

**but who honor those who fear the LORD;**

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

**and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**James 1:17 - 27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all

sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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!*

**Mark 7:1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23**

<sup>7</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

*‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’*

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

\*HYMN

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

NC 293

*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.  
Refrain*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."  
Refrain*

Refrain

*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.*

## 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)

**O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations &amp; 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

*Children of God*

NC 533

*Children of God, Lift hearts to one another;  
 Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;  
 To worship rightly is to love each other,  
 Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.*

*Follow with reverent steps the great example  
 Of Christ whose holy work was doing good;  
 So shall the wide earth seem a holy temple,  
 Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.*

*For God whom Jesus loved has truly spoken;  
 The holier worship which Christ deigns to bless  
 Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,  
 And feeds the widow and the parentless.*

*Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor  
 Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;  
 Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,  
 And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.*

## \*BENEDICTION

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**

### **Our Daily Bread for September-October-November is in!**

September is right around the corner! Don't miss a day of Our Daily Bread. This little book of daily devotions is designed to inspire you to spend time with God every day. Pick up a copy at church, or contact the office 207-326-9486 to arrange delivery.