



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 8, 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 14

August 8, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Ruth Anne Vagt

Lector:

Jimmy Goodson

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)**

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt God's name together.

***OPENING HYMN**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

P 6

*O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

God of hope and glory, once again we turn our hearts and minds to you in worship. Prepare us, we pray, that we may be ready to receive you through your gift of the Holy Spirit. Allow us to open our very selves to your love. Help us to put away the cares and

stresses of the world that we may hear your Word and feel your presence around us. Greet again this day your people and know our yearning for your truth. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.

Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

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

1 Kings 19:4 - 8

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalms 34:1 - 8

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me

And let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

So your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,

And was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps

Around those who fear him and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in him.

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

⁵Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41 - 51

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. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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."

*HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

NC 290

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
And make me love you as I ought to love.*

*Have you not bid us love you every way?
All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
I see your cross – there teach my heart to stay:
O let me seek you, and O let me find.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies'
But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that your are always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love your as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

Deep River, from Feel the Spirit arr. John Rutter

Gene Fignar, piano Pamela Pollak, cello Tim Hall, voice

*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 these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in union with Christ's offering for us. 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

I Am Yours, O Lord

NC 455

*I am yours, O Lord, I have heard your voice,
And it told your love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
Drawn to you eternally.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where you have died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To your precious, bleeding side.*

*O the pure delight of a single hour
That before your throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with you, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where you have died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To your precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate me now to your holy work
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope;
Let your will be done, not mine.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where you have died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To your precious, bleeding side.*

*There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest eternally.*

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where you have died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To your precious, bleeding side.*

*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

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude

Notes:

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

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Special Music

We welcome today special music performed by Castine summer residents Gene Fignar and Pamela Pollak.

Gene has been playing the piano since he was five. He accompanied the glee clubs in college and played in both the stage and Dixieland bands. Most recently, Gene with his wife Pam, a cellist, has been playing selections from the great American Songbook with the Wednesday Afternoon Music Club, of which he is President, in Southport, CT where Pam and he live when they are not in Castine.

A long time Castine resident, Pam, like Gene, is an attorney, and is also a Special Education Teacher. After beginning on the piano in first grade, trying out the violin and double bass, following the prompting of her orchestra conductor in 7th grade, who observed "you have cello hands," the rest is history. Pam studies with Noreen Silver, the cello section leader of the Bangor Symphony and has played with the UMaine orchestra. She studied at the London and Moscow conservatories, is an officer of and founding member of the American Chamber Orchestra.

Pam and Gene most recently supported the music program at the Penobscot United Methodist Church. Lifelong members of the Congregational Church, they are honored to have been invited to play with the Main Street Church.

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 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