



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine September 5, 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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Order of Worship
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
Castine, Maine
Proper 18

September 5, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Guest Musician:

Heather Emanuelson

Deacon:

Kim Smith

Lector:

John Cunningham

Zoom 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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE/ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP (**Responsively**)

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,

And favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:

The LORD is maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,

And the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,

For they share their bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22:1 - 2, 8 - 9

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

P 38

Morning has broken like the first morning,

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, Praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (**Unison**)

Holy God, whose Spirit comes to us in moments of both strength and weakness, come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word in fullness and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us.

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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers;

**he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The LORD will reign forever,
**your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

James 2:1-17

²My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

NC 283

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.

Mark 7:24 - 37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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)

Receive our thanks, O God, for your gifts of life, means, and time. As small as our return giving may be, welcome it for the sake of those in need and for the furtherance of your witness in this world. Make us daily more grateful for all that we have been given. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

*HYMN

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

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*My faith, it is an oaken staff,
The traveler's well-loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout,
The soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred
By silent thought or social word;
By all my perils undeterred,
A soldier pilgrim staid.*

*I have a guide, and in his steps
When travelers have trod,
Whether beneath was flinty rock
Or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, but with force unspent,
Unmoved by pain, they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent
Their zealous course to God.*

*My faith, it is an oaken staff,
O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword,
May falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit, Lord, to me impart,
O make me what thou ever art,
Of patient and courageous heart,
As all true saints have been.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION
CONSECRATION
OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth*

*In him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.*

*Join hand, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*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 persons while in the church building.

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***The Flowers on our Communion Table this morning
are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Wynd.***



Welcome Guest Musician

Suzanne and James Eaton will be taking the month of September off to travel and relax in their favorite part of Italy. In Suzanne's place as church musician, we have secured the services of Heather Emanuelson of Penobscot. Heather is a talented music educator and pianist, who also owns and operates Heather's Music Studio in her hometown. We welcome Heather's music ministry, and wish Suzanne and James a pleasant vacation.

Note: Heather also serves as the musician for the Penobscot United Methodist Church, which gathers for worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. With that schedule, Heather will need to depart immediately at the end of our worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adams School Grant

Each year the Board of Deacons provides a small grant to the Adams School in Castine to be used at the discretion of staff and faculty to provide students with nutritious snacks and necessary school supplies. This small fund does not replace or enhance existing school budgets or meal programs – it is simply a resource that staff and faculty can use when necessary to make sure that students are properly prepared for learning: in their minds, in their tummies, and with the tools they need.

Several people have asked if they could personally support this special fund along with the church. If you would like to increase our grant, we suggest that you make a donation to the church with a note or memo listing "Adams School Supplies." All personal donations will directly supplement the grant approved by the Board of Deacons.

Labor Day

Here's a reminder -- the church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6. You can reach Pastor Tim by cell phone at (207) 991-4645.