



Welcome to the
**TRINITARIAN
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PARISH OF CASTINE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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5:40 am

Pastor

Gary Hatter

Deacon:

Ruth Anne Vagt

Ministers: All Members

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

WELCOME

THE EASTER STORY

John 20:1 - 18

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION (Responsively)

There was darkness over the earth before creation;

There is darkness in the womb before birth;

The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

**There was darkness in the tomb before
resurrection.**

But now Christ is risen!

The dawn has come.

A new creation has commenced.

The world is born anew.

Christ is Risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

HYMN *I Come to the Garden Alone (In the Garden)*

C. Austin Miles

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.*

Refrain:

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]*

*I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]*

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

This is the day that you have made, O Lord, and we rejoice and give thanks for it. For in your fullness of time, and in accordance with your plan and will, you not only accepted the sacrifice of your son for our sins; you raised Jesus from the dead, and gave him victory over the world's ways. And so today we stand here in your presence, freed from sin and turned to new life in Christ Jesus, who leads us to peace and justice in your coming kingdom. Thanks be to you, O Lord, for your great gift to us. Thanks be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love for us. Thanks be to you, O Lord, for the covenant that you continue to write on our hearts. You are our God. We are your people. We give our thanks in the name of your Living Word, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forevermore. Amen.

AN EASTER REFLECTION

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

An Easter 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.**

HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Charles Wesley

Lyra Davidica

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION (Responsively)

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us go and proclaim it to the world.

Lord God be praised! Alleluia!

