



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

May 1, 2022

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
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Easter III

May 1, 2022

Pastor:

Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am

Gary Hatter

Suzanne Eaton

Rick Hightower

David Adams

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

O Lord our God, we praise you.

**We cried to you for help
and you answered us.**

You have restored our lives;

you have rescued us from the grave.

***OPENING HYMN**

What Wondrous Love Is This

NC 223

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this!

that Christ should come in bliss

to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

*To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;*

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

and through eternity I'll sing on!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Living God, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

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

Acts 9:1 - 6

9Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Psalm 30

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
**you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,**

¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Revelation 5:11 - 14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Congregational Response

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

NC 292

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew*

*That I may love the way you love
and do what you would do.*

John 21:1 - 19

²¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they

had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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.

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**)

Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

SERMON

Of Loves & Lambs

Pastor Gary Hatter

*HYMN

Listen to Your Savior Call

NC 250

*Listen to your Savior call,
"Do you love me most of all?"
Jesus speaks, and speaks to you:
"Love me as I first loved you."*

*"Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death."*

*"I delivered you when bound,
And, when bleeding, healed your wound.
Sought you wandering, set you right,
For your pathway gave you light."*

*O my Savior, hear my need;
Though my love is faint indeed,
Still I love you and adore –
Oh, for grace to love you more!*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

NC 617

*Unite and join your cheerful songs,
with angels 'round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
yet all their joys are one.*

*Worthy the Lamb, the angels say,
to be exalted thus;
Amen, amen the saints reply,
the Lamb was slain for us.*

*This is the way the church should strive,
in harmony below;
As members of one body live,
one Sovereign shall you know.*

*Assist us, all above the sky,
on earth and on the seas;
Unite and raise God's honors high,
in hymns of endless praise.*

*BENEDICTION

*TRIBUTE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

P 429

*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

Notes:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the Calendar in May

May 3 9 a.m. Bible Study ([Zoom](#))
May 5 1:30 p.m. Castine Brass rehearsal
May 8 Mothers' Day
May 8 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & [Zoom](#))
May 9 1 p.m. Shawl Ministry
May 10 9 a.m. Bible Study ([Zoom](#))
May 12 1:30 p.m. Castine Brass rehearsal
May 15 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & [Zoom](#))
May 17 9 a.m. Bible Study ([Zoom](#))
May 17 4 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting
May 19 1:30 p.m. Castine Brass rehearsal
May 19 5 p.m. Church Council meeting
May 22 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & [Zoom](#))
May 23 1 p.m. Shawl Ministry
May 24 9 a.m. Bible Study ([Zoom](#))
May 26 1:30 p.m. Castine Brass rehearsal
May 27 2 p.m. No Neighbor Left Behind
May 29 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (in person & [Zoom](#))
May 30 Memorial Day
May 31 9 a.m. Bible Study ([Zoom](#))