



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

May 15, 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.

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**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Easter V**

May 15, 2022

9:30 am

Worship Leader:

Pastor Gary Hatter

Musician:

Suzanne Eaton

Deacon:

Rick Hightower

Lector:

John Cunningham

Zoom/YouTube Host:

Roberta Boczkiewicz

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**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name;

**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

*Psalm 105:1-3*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

NC 307

*1 Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;*

*One whose word cannot be broken  
formed you for a blessed abode.*

*On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
you may smile at all your foes.*

*2 See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal Love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.*

*Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like our God, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age?*

*3 'Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear*

*For a glory and a covering,  
showing that their God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them when they pray.*

*4 Savior, if of Zion's city  
we through grace a part may claim,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
we will glory in your name.*

*Fading is all worldly pleasure,  
all earth's boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures,  
none but Zion's children know.*

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

**O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.**

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.**

*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 11:1 - 18**

11Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Psalms 148**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**praise him in the heights!**

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;

**praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;

**praise him, all you shining stars!**

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,  
**and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for he commanded and they were created.**

<sup>6</sup>He established them forever and ever;  
**he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea monsters and all deeps,**

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and frost,  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**

<sup>10</sup>Wild animals and all cattle,  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

<sup>12</sup>Young men and women alike,  
**old and young together!**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people,  
**praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

### **Revelation 21:1 - 6**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 13:31 - 35**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*1 We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness and for your healing touch;  
Too long have we felt helpless; our burdens seemed too much.  
Forgetting all pretenses, we make our pleadings heard,  
In hope and expectation await your gracious word.*

*2 We long to have companions who travel by our side,  
Strong friends to call and answer with whom we are allied;  
As we lift up each other when struggles lay us low,  
Community develops, our faith and caring grow.*

*3 We need your living presence, O Christ of Galilee,  
A presence that revives us and sets our spirits free.  
No longer are we fearful, your love pervades each place.  
Empower us with courage to claim your healing grace.*

SERMON

*Never, No Never, Forsake*

Pastor Gary Hatter

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)

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us  
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission  
to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in  
love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

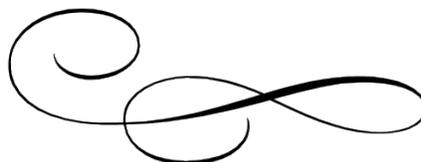
THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

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.**



## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

#### *How Firm a Foundation*

NC 407

1 *How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

2 *"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."*

3 *"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
delivering you from your deepest distress."*

4 *"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."*

5 *"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"*

### \*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

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

May 17 4 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting

May 19 5 p.m. Church Council meeting

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