



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

June 26, 2022

We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this 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
Proper 8

June 26, 2022
Pastor:
Church Musician:
Deacon:
Lector:
Liturgist:
Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am
Rev. Gary Hatter
Suzanne Eaton
Barbara Cooper
Jimmy Goodson
Ray Nualla
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)**

God, who rules the universe, calls us;

Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Let us faithfully answer by worshipping the triune God.

***OPENING HYMN**

We Worship You, God (vv 1,3,5)

NC 26

*1 We worship you, God; your power and your love, 3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
are blazoned abroad, around, and above Almighty, your power has founded of old,
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Established it fast by a changeless decree,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. and round it you cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead

to death. O Fire of heaven, have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up in your Spirit, that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to your promised kingdom.

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

2 Kings 2:1 - 2, 6 - 14

2Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Psalms 77:1 - 2, 11 - 20

I cry aloud to God,

aloud to God, that he may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;

**in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work,

and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who works wonders;

you have displayed your might among the peoples.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

When the waters saw you, O God,
**when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water;
**the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.**

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
**your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea,
**your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.**

You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Galatians 5:1, 13 - 25

5For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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.

Luke 9:51 - 62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."
⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*HYMN

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (vv1,2,4)

NC 175

*1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?*

*2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.*

*4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach and prosper humankind.*

SERMON

Perfect Fitness

Rev. Gary Hatter

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

*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)

**God, our maker, our Savior, our source of life, we thank you for your self-giving love.
We present our offerings in remembrance of all that you have done for us, and commit
ourselves again to know your ways, to love our neighbors, and to share the fruits of
the Spirit, giving you thanks and praise. 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

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (vv1,2,3,6)

NC 63

*1 Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward light,
wake my spirit, from its night.*

*2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire,
purify me with your fire.*

*3 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live,
bravely serve and gladly give.*

*6) Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing,
spring, O living Water, spring!*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

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