

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 24, 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.

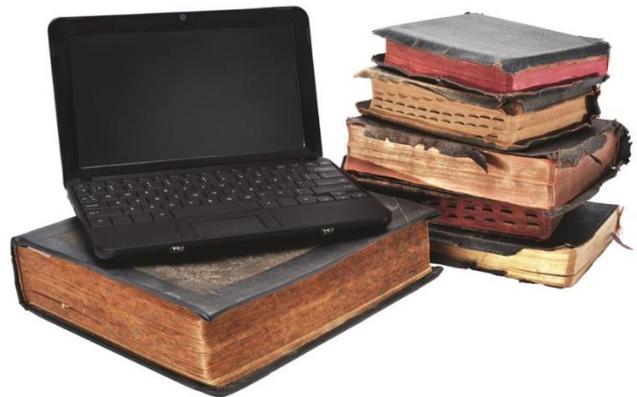
Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

Join our Zoom worship service by clicking on the link below (Sunday beginning at 9:15 am):

[Click here to Zoom](#)

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Order of Worship

July 24, 2022

Proper 12

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Church Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	Roberta Boczkiewicz & Ruth Anne Vagt
Lector:	Don Small
Liturgist:	John Cunningham
Zoom/YouTube 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

TIME OF SILENCE

INTERLUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

We thank you, O God,
for the gift of this day.

**For this beautiful space,
for the warm hearts that greet us.**

We thank you, O God,
for this time to be together in worship.

**For songs and prayers that sustain us
in this hour and in the days that unfold.**

We thank you, O God, for the blessings
in our lives and in our world.

**May we lift our voices in thanks,
even as we worship You.**

-Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission.

***OPENING HYMN**

God is Here! As We Your People Meet

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*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit, here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.*

*Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Sovereign God, of earth and heaven, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

-From Ministry Matters, adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike: holy, good, patient, loving. But so often, God, we end up feeling more like sinners – quick to judge, impatient with each other, less than kind. Perhaps you see us simply as human: as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. You are loved. And you are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

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***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

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon

myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down towards your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness;**

for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

**On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Colossians 2:6 - 19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
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.

NC 292

Luke 11:1 - 13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” ⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON

Through the Doorway of Prayer

Rev. Andi Lloyd

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

P 397

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart!

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea!

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show!

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)**

Gracious God, through your Holy Spirit you equip us to do your work in this world. And it is with joyful, grateful hearts that we offer you these gifts, these signs of our labor, and ask your blessing upon them, that you may use them to glorify your name in us and in all creation. 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**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

NC 18

*1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Ever be my strength and shield,
Ever be my strength and shield.*

*3 When I reach the River Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bylaws Discussion

There will be an opportunity for discussion and Q & A at 7 PM on July 26 of the proposed changes to TCPOC's Bylaws. A link to the changes is in *News & Notes* and also by hardcopy at the church.

NOTES

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