



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 25, 2021

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
Castine, Maine
Proper 12

July 25, 2021

Pastor:

Guest Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

Zoom/YouTube Host:

9:30 am

Rev. Tim Hall

Suzanne Eaton

John Cunningham

David Modesett

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/ACOLYTE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

And we, your faithful, bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

***OPENING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

P 8

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art fiving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Generous God, you give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season. Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that you may accomplish within us far more than all we ask or can imagine. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Ray Nualla

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins – both things we have done and things we have left undone – in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love.

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 4:42 – 44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Psalms 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Ephesians 3:14 – 21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Congregational Response

Seek Ye First

Matthew 6:33

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness.*

And all these things shall be added unto you!

John 6:1 – 21

⁶After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.



*HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life

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*Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.*

*Bless thou the truth, Dear Lord, To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.*

SERMON

Rev. Tim Hall

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 of hospitality and love, we rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received.
Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know the fullness of
life in you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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*All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.*

*Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown him Lord of all.*

*Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe;
And crown him Lord of all.*

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

***BENEDICTION**

***TRIBUTE**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save
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.

Notes:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

*All who are able, **please stand**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, August 15. During the meeting we'll review our activity and mission, approve our budget for 2022, elect officers and board members, and consider revisions to our bylaws that reflect our current operating practices. The meeting usually takes less than an hour, and is carefully prepared and organized by the Church Council. You don't have to be a member of the church to attend, and if you do, you'll get a look at some of the wonderful things we do as followers of Jesus Christ in the world. Come and see.

Note: The Annual Meeting Report and recommended edits to the TCP Bylaws will be available for review prior to the meeting.

Do You Feel Called?

Many people report that at some time in their lives they feel "called" to some type of service to others. The feeling may be in response to thankfulness for a life filled with blessings, or compassion for those in need, or simply a feeling of love. But the feeling, the call, is real. It's part of who we are meant to be in God's creation. And the faithful believe that the call comes from the one who creates us, and redeems us, and sustains us in love.

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Main Street Church, we are seeking nominations for a few church officers and board members:

Church Council

Deacons

Trustees

If you feel God calling you to service, would you consider serving a term in one of our offices or boards? Please let Pastor Tim know if you are interested in serving the church in our important and joyful ministries.

Renovation Project Update

Approximately 18 months ago, a committee was formed to examine, the need, cost, and financial feasibility of a renovation of the vestry (including the kitchen), the installation of a lift which would make all levels of the church accessible, and a “shoring up” of the front façade. While progress slowed appreciably during the height of COVID, preliminary layouts were developed and some effort was made to establish rough estimates of costs associated with each facet. Each of these pieces has broad programmatic and fiscal implications; and, with Tim’s decision to retire, we are advised that it is best to wait for the next pastor to join us and be a part of the process going forward. Therefore, we have temporarily suspended our efforts.

No Neighbor Left Behind

The next opportunity to help feed over 100 of our neighbors will be Friday, July 30. The menu will be ham, potato salad, vegetables, melon, and cornbread. If you would like to contribute meal components or volunteer for assembly and delivery, contact our meal coordinator, Ruth Anne Vagt at 326-9244. Thanks for your help!



Village Bumble Sale

The Dr. Mary Cushman Circle will hold a yard and bake sale August 7th. Carefully selected items for sale will be accepted at the Main Street Church on Wednesday, August 4th and Thursday, August 5th between 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sale will begin Saturday, August 7th at 8:30 a.m.

COVID Time Capsule

The COVID pandemic is a global event that has affected everyone in some way. It is an event that should be remembered.



To that end, a group of people in the church is working on a COVID Time Capsule, which will eventually be planted in the church garden to memorialize the pandemic. We are looking for short reflections from church members and friends relating how the pandemic affected the life and ministries of the church, along with their personal recollections and memories of church and faith life in the isolation of the pandemic. We are also looking for small artifacts that remind us (and those in the future) of what it was like to live through the pandemic in our generation. We invite you to think about this project, and submit your testimonies and ideas for artifacts to Kay Hightower khightower59@msn.com 326-8932.

Peninsula Free Health Clinic

Peninsula Free Health Clinic will be open on the following dates in July:

Monday, July 26 from 3-6pm

The Clinic is located at 26 Hinckley Ridge Road in Blue Hill, and provides free healthcare to uninsured people on the Blue Hill Peninsula. Call 207-374-5585 for more information.

