



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

July 3, 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 9

July 3, 2022	9:30 am
Pastor:	Rev. Robert Vagt
Church Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacons:	Roberta Boczkiewicz & Ruth Anne Vagt
Lector:	Elise Adams
Liturgist	Ray Nualla
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

INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Call upon the Lord!

I asked for help and I was healed!

**We asked for freedom, and we were given
liberty beyond measure!
Praise God!**

***OPENING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

P 335

*1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.*

*2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Your Word, O Lord, is our inspiration, our light, and our motion. Your Word, O Lord, is power, is wisdom, and is comfort. Guide us today, as we listen to the Word read and proclaimed, and fill us with understanding and the desire to change. Speak Lord! Your people listen! Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration for us, and yet we fail to notice the burdens others carry. We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the distraction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you.

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

2 Kings 5:1 - 14

⁵Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Psalm 30

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

O LORD, my god, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

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

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

for 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.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”

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

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

“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?

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

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Galatians 6:1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

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 10:1-11, 16-20

10After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' 16"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."
17The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"
18He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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**)

God of love and generosity, help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have put on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Robert Vagt

* HYMN

O Jesus I Have Promised

P 218

*1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.*

*2 O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.*

*3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My master and my friend.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

P 440

*1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

*3 O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country love,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.*

*2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self control,
Thy liberty in law.*

*4 O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
Gid shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

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The Church Council continues to recommend following Maine CDC guidance. With Hancock County now rated medium-risk for covid transmission, mask wearing is optional. Masking remains advisable for individuals at higher risk for serious illness, and those with symptoms, a positive test or exposure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goings & Comings

This is a week of goings and comings. With deep gratitude, we pray for safe travel for Camille and Gary Hatter as they leave Castine and wend their way homeward to Charlottesville. At the same time, we look forward to the arrival of our settled pastor, the Reverend Doctor Andrea Lloyd - Andi! We are excited to have her lead worship for the first time next Sunday.

On the Calendar in July

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 9 a.m. Bible Study
- July 9 11 a.m. Celebration of Life for Barbara Allen
- July 10 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
- July 10 1-4 p.m. Card Class with Lisa Lutts
- July 11 1 p.m. Shawl Ministry
- July 12 8 a.m. Vestry in use
- July 12 9 a.m. Bible Study
- July 12 5 p.m. Church Council meeting
- July 17 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
- July 19 9 a.m. Bible Study
- July 19 4 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting
- July 24 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
- July 25 1 p.m. Shawl Ministry
- July 26 9 a.m. Bible Study
- July 29 2 p.m. No Neighbor Left Behind
- July 30 2 p.m. Wedding
- July 31 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

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