



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 14, 2022

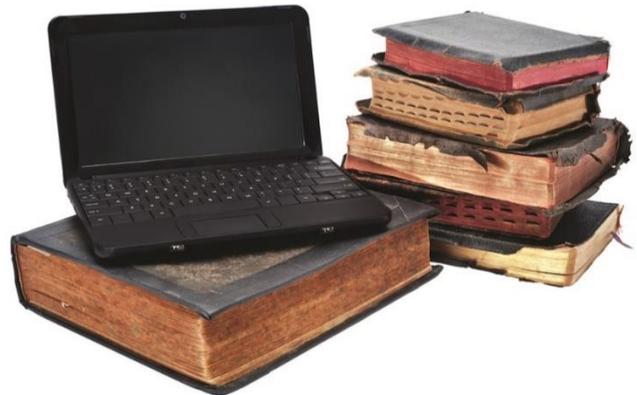
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves 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.

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

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Other Links

Our website: www.tcpoc.org

Our Facebook Page: [Click here to visit our Facebook Page](#)

The Church Calendar: [Click here to see the Church Calendar](#)

The sermon text will be posted on Pastor Andi's website: www.andilloyd.com .

Order of Worship

August 14, 2022

Proper 15

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	Ray Nualla
Lector:	Ginger Snapp Cunningham
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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

INTERLUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Creator of the cosmos,
of eternity and time:
be with us in *this* time.

Savior of the world,
healer of the nations:
be with us in this place.

Breath of all that lives,
of people near and far:
stir within our own lives.

Maker-Spirit-Son,
God of here and now:
**be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways
to be present in your world.**

-Iona Abbey Worship Book

*OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

P366

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor thee,
That we fail not man nor thee.

5 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Open unto me – light for my darkness.
Open unto me – courage for my fear.
Open unto me – hope for my despair.
Open unto me – peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me – joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me – strength for my weakness.
Open unto me – wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me – forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me – tenderness for my toughness.
Open unto me – love for my hates.
Open unto me – Thy Self for myself.
Lord, Lord, open unto me!
Amen.**

-Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in unison, and then in silent prayer.

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

-Beth Merrill Neel, "Hold Fast to What is Good." Used with permission.

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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalms 82

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

² 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?

Selah

³ **Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.**

⁴ **Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'**

⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ I say, 'You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'

⁸ **Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received

their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

NC283

*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 12:49-56

⁴⁹ ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son

and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

SERMON

A Change of Seasons

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

NC 573

1 Lead on eternal Sovereign,
We follow in your way;
Loud rings your cry for justice,
Your call for peace this day;
Through prayerful preparation,
Your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.

2 Lead on eternal Sovereign,
We follow not with fear,
For in each human conflict
Your words of strength we hear;
That when we serve with gladness,
You will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.

3 Lead on eternal Sovereign,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And all your saints together
Will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion
Will live with hearts set free,
To love and serve each other
For all eternity.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is,
Suzanne Eaton, Soprano; James Eaton, Tenor;
Pam Pollak, Cello; Gene Fignar, Piano

by Felix Mendelssohn

*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 abundance, with gratitude and with thanksgiving, we offer you these, our humble gifts.
Bless them, God, and multiply their usefulness, as you multiplied the loaves and the fishes, that
they might be a blessing in this community and beyond. In Jesus' name, 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

All My Hope on God Is Founded

NC 408

1 All my hope on God is founded;
Who else can my hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides me,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone,
Calls my heart to be God's own.

2 Well does the almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
Pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand does love stand;
Joy awaits each new command.

3 In glad hymns to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all;
Those who follow shall not fall.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, United Church of Christ, will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2022 in the sanctuary of the church, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be:

- to receive reports of officers, councils, boards, and committees;
- to approve the annual budget;
- to elect the slate of nominees for church elective positions;
- to act upon amendments to the Bylaws concerning the streamlining of church governance and other issues;
- to act upon such other business as may appropriately come before said meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the church or by calling the church office at 326-9486.

Adult Study Opportunity - *Spirit and Nature*:

A Walking Workshop on Ecology & Theology

Join Pastor Andi for a walk in Witherle Woods: natural history, readings, walking meditation, and conversation about how we see and understand the relationship between God and nature. All are welcome! Sunday, **August 28, 4:30 p.m.** We'll meet at the parking area on Battle Avenue and walk to Blockhouse Point and back.

NOTES

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