



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 21, 2022

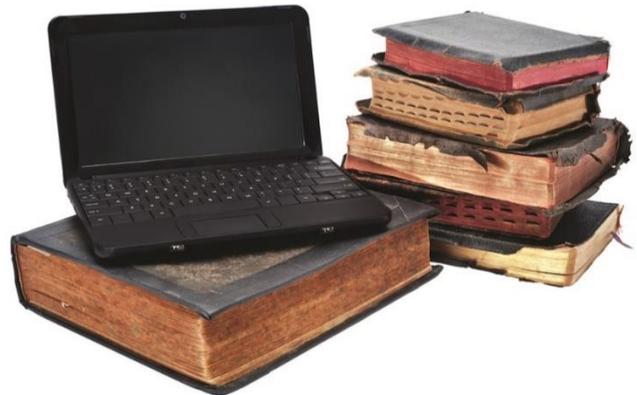
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves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

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

Order of Worship

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Proper 16

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	Ray Nualla
Lector:	Barbara Cooper
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.*

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits –
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

- Psalm 103: 1-8

*OPENING HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

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*1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of endless praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unfailing love.*

*2 Here I pause in my sojourning,
Giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger,
Blessed body, precious blood.*

*3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of this day, and for your love that sustains us every day. May we find peace in the quiet of you. May we find courage in the nearness of you. May we find wonder in the vastness of you. May we find faith in the mystery of you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As the Psalmist wrote: the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Ps 103:8). Trusting in God's mercy and grace, we offer this prayer of confession – first aloud, in unison, and then individually, in silence.

Gracious God, we know what you ask of us, and yet we fall short. You ask for the whole of us, but we give you a divided heart. You promise us abundance, but we cling fearfully to what we have. You love us without condition, but we are quick to judge and slow to trust. Have mercy on us, God. Gentle our hearts. Open our hands. Free us from the fears that bind us. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sees us as we are, loves us as we are, and accepts us as we are. But by His grace, He does not leave us as we are (Timothy Keller). You are loved. You are accepted. And by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore,

since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON

"Unbound"

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

NC 23

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There's no place where earthly sorrows are more felt than in God's heaven;
There's no place where earthly failings have such kindly judgment given.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of our minds;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives would show thanksgiving for the goodness of our God.*

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)

Generous God, fount of every blessing, we thank you for all that you provide that sustains us – body, mind, and spirit. And we rejoice to return to you now a portion of all that you have given

us. Bless these gifts, O God. May they help to spread your love, your hope, your healing to a world in need. 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NC 43

*1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.*

*2 Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
Let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*3 Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
Love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing,
Wounded arms outstretched above.*

*4 Finish, then, your new creation;
Pure and spotless may we prove,
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Neighbor Left Behind

August 26 is our next opportunity to provide a nutritious meal for over 100 of our neighbors. The menu will be seafood pasta salad, vegetable, fruit, and cornbread. To volunteer, contact our meal coordinator, Ruth Anne Vagt at 326-9244.

Adult Study Opportunity - *Spirit and Nature*:

A Walking Workshop on Ecology & Theology
Join Pastor Andi for a walk in Witherle Woods. 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.

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