



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 22, 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 16**

August 22, 2021

Pastor:

Musician:

Deacon:

Lector:

9:30 am

Rev. Tim Hall

Suzanne Eaton

Ruth Anne Vagt

Elise Adams

Ministers: All Members

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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)**

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;

**so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

*Psalm 34:1 – 5*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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*Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper they work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee,  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore him.*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**God of Creation and Life, let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Be with us this day and always, in love and protection and faithfulness that knows no end. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives.**

*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**

**Joshua 24:1 - 2, 14 - 18**

24Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>14</sup>"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

**Psalm 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O Lord of hosts!**

My soul longs, indeed it faints

**for the courts of the Lord;**

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

**to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,

**and the swallow a nest for herself,**

**where she may lay her young,**

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

**my King and my God.**

Happy are those who live in your house,  
**ever singing your praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

As they go through the valley of Baca  
**they make it a place of springs;**  
**the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;  
**the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Behold our shield, O God;  
**look on the face of your anointed.**

For a day in your courts is better  
**than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
**than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
**he bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does the Lord withhold  
**from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts,  
**happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### **Ephesians 6:10 - 20**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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!  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

## John 6:56 - 69

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

<sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

\*HYMN

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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*Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown*

*Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

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)

**Almighty God, we dedicate ourselves to serve you, for you alone are our God. Receive, O God, the gifts we offer, and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives; through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

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

*Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed*

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*Christian, rise and act thy creed;  
Let thy prayer be in thy deed;  
Seek the right, perform the true,  
Raise thy work and life anew.*

*Let thine alms be hope and joy,  
And thy worship God's employ;  
Give him thanks in humble zeal,  
Learning all his will to feel.*

*Hearts around thee sink with care;  
Thou canst help their load to bear;  
Thou canst bring inspiring light,  
Arm their faltering wills to fight.*

*Come then, law divine, and reign;  
Freest faith assailed in vain,  
Perfect love bereft of fear,  
Born in heaven and radiant here.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.*

### Notes:

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black)*

(P) *Pilgrim Hymnal (blue)*

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

*Please be aware that we are still under State of Maine restrictions for COVID Prevention, which include requirements for face coverings & social distancing for all unvaccinated persons.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### No Neighbor Left Behind

The next opportunity to help feed over 100 of our neighbors will be **Friday, August 27**. The menu will be: Italian Pasta Salad, Green Beans (from frozen), Melon, and Rolls. 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!

### Our Daily Bread for September-October-November is in!

This little book of daily devotions is designed to encourage people to spend time with God every day. Pick up a copy at church, or contact the office 207-326-9486 to arrange delivery.