



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

August 7, 2022

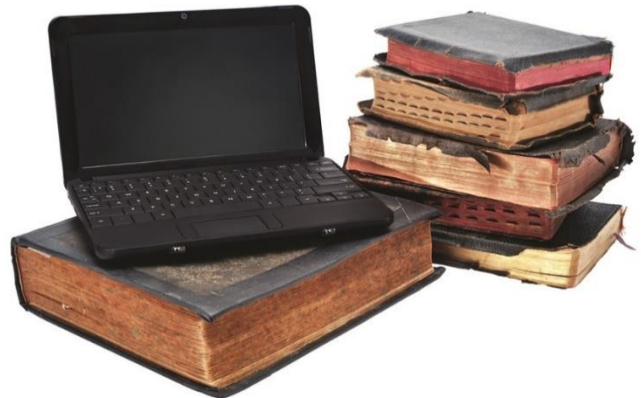
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves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

[Click here to Zoom](#)

You may also choose to watch this worship service on our YouTube site:

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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 7, 2022

Proper 14

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	Ray Nualla
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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

INTERLUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As swimmers dare
to lie face to the sky
and water bears them,
as hawks rest upon air
and air sustains them,
so would I learn to attain
freefall, and float
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,
knowing no effort earns
that all-surrounding grace.

- 'The Avowal' by Denise Levertov

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

*OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Send your Spirit, God, to fall afresh on us. Open the eyes of our hearts that we might know the living Christ in our midst. Quiet our minds that we might hear your still-speaking voice, calling us by name. Gentle our hearts that we might be changed by your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, hear this good news: you are loved with a love from which nothing can separate you. *You are loved.* And by the grace of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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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

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—

¹⁵ **he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ **The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ **to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.**
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
²¹ **Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**
²² **Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

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*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 12:32-40

³² ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

SERMON

Things Unseen

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

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*1 My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul –
How can I keep from singing?*

*2 What though my joys and comforts die?
My Savior still is living,
What though the shadows gather 'round?
A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love commands both heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?*

*3 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
our thought to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled,
How can I keep from singing?*

*4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's
How can I keep from singing?*

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, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be made manifest and your creation restored through the sharing of these offerings. 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.

*1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
 For when humbly in your name,
 Two or three are met together,
 You are in the midst of them;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Touch we now your garment's hem.*

*2 As disciples used to gather
 In the name of Christ to sup,
 Then with thanks to God the Giver,
 Break the bread and bless the cup,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 So now bind our friendship up.*

*3 All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of you,
 That by caring, helping, giving,
 We may be disciples true.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 We may serve with faith anew.*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of all good things, we thank you for the sustenance we have received at this table. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

*1 Now thank we all our God
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices,
 Who, from our mothers' arms,
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.*

*2 O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us,
 And Keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed.
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.*

*3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.*

*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.

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