



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

September 11, 2022

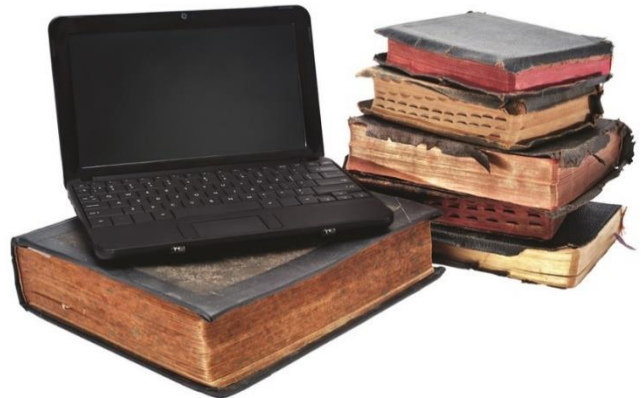
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves 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 19

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Guest Musician:	Dana Polojarvi
Deacon:	John Cunningham
Lector:	Elise Adams
Liturgist:	John Cunningham
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.*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert, "Come, My Way"

*OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

In the beginning, O God, you shaped our souls and set their weave. You formed our bodies and gave us breath. Renew us this day in the image of your love. O great God, grant us your light. O great God, grant us your grace. O great God, grant us your joy this day. Amen.

adapted from *Celtic Prayers from Iona*, by J. Philip Newell.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we understand sin as separation, repentance is a turn back to God, who greets us with rejoicing. Trusting in the wideness of God's mercy, we offer this prayer of confession: first in unison, aloud, and then individually, in the silence of our own hearts.

God of boundless mercy, we confess: we are lost. You lead us down right paths, but we wander down wrong ones. You promise us your steadfast love, but our hearts are fickle. You provide us with all that we need, but we hunger for that which fails to satisfy. Forgive us, God. Be the light to our path and lead us, once again, back to you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as we may wander from God, God's love reaches farther still. We are held by the mercy of God. And by the grace of God in Christ Jesus, Our Lord, we 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

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?" Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

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*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
that makest me dwell in safety.*

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

SERMON

Finding Mercy

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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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)

Gracious God, You are the giver of all good things. We dedicate these gifts to You with gratitude and with joy. Take them and bless them. May they be for the world a sign of your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. 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

Great Is Your Faithfulness

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude.

NOTES

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Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Based on Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. A - men.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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William Cowper, 1731-1800

DUNDEE C.M.
"Scottish Psalter," 1615

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His won - ders to per - form;
2 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The clouds ye so much dread
3 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But trust him for his grace;
4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, And scan his work in vain;

He plants his foot - steps in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
Are big with mer - cy, and shall break In bless - ings on your head.
Be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face.
God is his own in - ter - pret - er, And he will make it plain. A - men.

Another arrangement may be found at No. 85

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1927

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