



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

September 12, 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 19

September 12, 2021

9:30 am

Pastor:

Rev. Tim Hall

Guest Musician:

Heather Emanuelson

Deacon:

Kim Smith

Lector:

Barbara Cooper

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE/ACOLYTE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

Our God is full of compassion.

Let us walk in the presence of the Lord,

In the land of the living,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***OPENING HYMN**

This Is the Day

NC 84

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today, that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is that you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. Lead us away from grief and sorrow, that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people.

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Psalms 116:1 - 9

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore, I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

The LORD protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

James 3:1-12

³Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

NC 283

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.

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



*HYMN

Nearer, My God, to Thee

P 351

*Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee,
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song would be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.*

*There let the way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.*

*Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my god, to thee,
Nearer to thee.*

*Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.*

*Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee.*

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)

Lord, who gives us everything we have, we return with joy a portion of our bounty, giving to the work of your church and your world what is already yours: ourselves, our lives, and our means. Make good come from these gifts. Teach us to use what we have with wisdom and compassion. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

NC 21

*God reigns o'er all the earth!
Green hills and valleys low,
The farms and towns in golds and browns
God's grace and beauty show.
God reigns o'er all the earth!
Stone banks and spreading plains,
In rainbow hues – reds, yellows, blues –
of streams and country lanes.*

*God reigns o'er human life!
Through youth and aging years,
In earth, in birth, in grief, in mirth,
In all our hopes and fears.
God reigns o'er human life!
Our inspiration still.
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams,
We see God's reigning will.*

*God reigns o'er time and space!
In history's bygone days,
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke
To bring God earnest praise.
God reigns o'er time and space!
O'er galaxy and sun,
Through timeless years the cosmos hears
The heavenly music run.
God reigns! Emmanuel!
God with us every day,
In all our past and to the last,
Our comfort and our stay.
God reigns! Emmanuel!
Let praise to Christ be sung!
God's presences here makes all things dear.
Let joyful bells be rung!*

*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 persons while in the church building.

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***The Flowers on our Communion Table this morning
are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Wynd.***



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming in September

September 13	1 p.m.	Shawl Ministry
September 16	4 p.m.	Church Council
September 21	4 p.m.	Board of Deacons
September 24	2 p.m.	No Neighbor Left Behind
September 27	1 p.m.	Shawl Ministry