



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

September 18, 2022

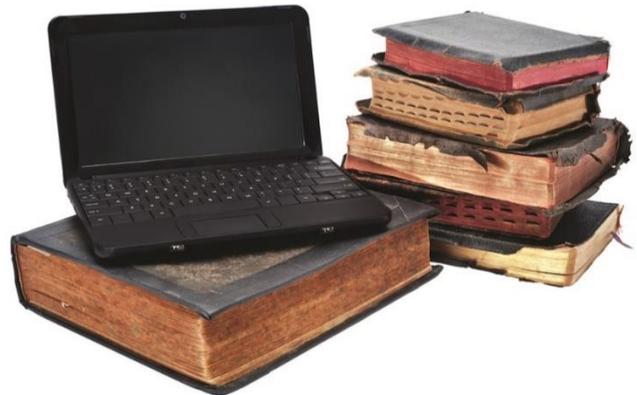
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves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

all the living things, our little siblings, to whom thou hast given this earth as their home in common with us. Amen.

-Adapted from "For This World," a prayer by Walter Rauschenbusch

A TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The psalmist tells us that "God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love" (Ps 103; *The Message* translation). Trusting in that mercy, we come to confession to speak the truth about our lives and to ask for the forgiveness we need. And so, we offer this prayer of confession: first aloud, in unison, and then individually, in the quiet of our own hearts.

Holy God, we come to you to humbly confess that we have fallen short of what You ask of us. We have not loved You first. We do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We do not always love ourselves. We have passed "heedless and unseeing" through a world "afame with Your glory." Forgive us. Return our wandering hearts to You. Help us to love each other and ourselves as You love us. Open our eyes that we might see in this world a reflection of Your goodness. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, hear this good news: you belong to God. You are loved by God. And there is nothing in all of creation that can separate you from that love. By the grace of God in Jesus Christ, 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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸When in grief I would seek comfort,
My heart is sick within me.

¹⁹"Is not the Lord in Zion?
Is not her King within her?
Why then did they anger Me with their images,
with alien futilities?"

Hark! The outcry of my poor people
From the land far and wide:

²⁰"Harvest is past,
Summer is gone,
But we have not been saved."

²¹Because my people is shattered I am shattered;
I am dejected, seized by desolation.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead?
Can no physician be found?
Why has healing not yet

Come to my poor people?
²³Oh, that my head were water,
My eyes a fount of tears!
Then would I weep day and night
For the slain of my poor people.

- translation by the Jewish Publication Society.

Psalm 79:1-9

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- ² They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
- ³ They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.
- ⁵ How long, O Lord? Will you be angry for ever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
- ⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name.
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.
- ⁸ Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

SERMON

Hope's Doorway

Rev. Andi Lloyd

*HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead (words & music below)

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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)

Generous God, you breathed us into being and put us down in a world that provides. We thank you for all of the ways that you sustain us in body, mind, and spirit. We dedicate these gifts to you as a symbol of our gratitude. And we pray that they would be as seeds, spreading your message of hope and 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 *Take My Life, God, Let It Be* (words & music below) NC 448

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Good Gifts

by John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain.
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.
We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..
I really wanna thank you Lord!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry of Food & Love

Your donations of non-perishable food and personal care items are taken by our Deacons to H.O.M.E. in Orland and the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Blue Hill, both stretched to support folks in our area. Please deposit items in the baskets in the church narthex, or in the food collection point at the Castine Town Hall on Court Street. Thank you for helping!

Spirit in Nature: contemplative walk at Hatch Cove Preserve

All are welcome to join Pastor Andi for a contemplative walk at Hatch Cove Preserve, one of the preserves within the Blue Hill Heritage Land Trust, on Sunday, September 25, at 4 p.m. We will gather at the entrance on Wadsworth Cove Road, close to the intersection between Wadsworth Cove Rd. and Castine Road.

NOTES

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GOD

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For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains the main body of the hymn. The third system is the refrain.

Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual*

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Last time, end

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in - vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is - your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain,
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

to Refrain

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON