



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

September 25, 2022

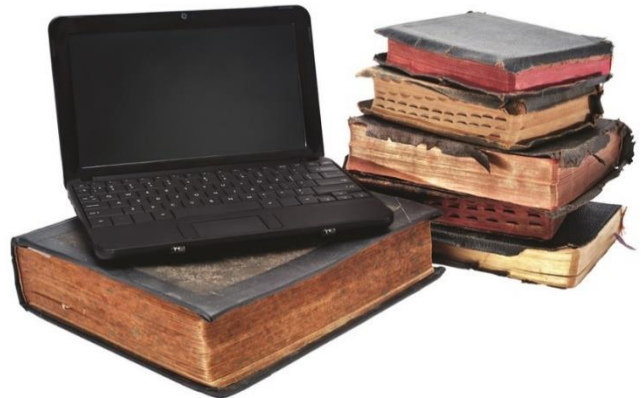
We welcome you to this Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves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

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## Other Links

Our website: [www.tcpoc.org](http://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](http://www.andilloyd.com) .

**Order of Worship**  
*September 25, 2022*  
*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*New Member Sunday*

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Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Andi Lloyd
Musician:	Suzanne Eaton
Deacon:	John Cunningham
Lector:	Kim Smith-Tourles
Liturgist:	John Cunningham
Zoom/YouTube Host:	Amy Stewart

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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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

INTERLUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*\*Please rise in body or spirit. Congregational response in **bold text**.*

Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

who executes justice for the oppressed;

**who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD will reign for ever,

**your God, for all generations.**

**Praise the LORD!**

-Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 7-8, 10

\*OPENING HYMN

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

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\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Holy One, we gather here with grateful hearts and voices lifted in praise. Open our ears, God, that we might hear the whisper of Your still-speaking voice. Open our eyes that might see the living Christ in the faces of those around us. Open our hearts that we might**

**be changed by Your word. Open our lives, God, that Your love might flow through us in all of the moments of our days. Amen.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Leader:* Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit?

*Candidate:* **I believe in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.**

### \*STATEMENT OF FAITH (UNISON)

**This congregation acknowledges Jesus Christ as its head and finds its spiritual guidance in God's will and way, as they are revealed to us in the Bible, the natural universe, human history and Jesus Christ. This Church recognizes the Bible as the foundation of faith and practice in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Members have the undisturbed right to follow the way of truth according to the dictates of their own conscience and by the light of the Holy Spirit. No statement of faith shall be used by this congregation as a test, but only as an expression of the spirit in which we approach God's truth.**

### QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

*Leader:* Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, sharing in its worship and its work as we seek to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves?

*Candidate:* **I promise, with the help of God.**

### \*WELCOME AND RECEPTION

**We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**



### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Repentance begins with seeing our lives clearly and taking measure of the gap between how God asks us to be in this world and how we actually are. We come to confession to speak that truth and to ask God for the help we need to change. Trusting that God will answer us with mercy, we offer this prayer of confession: first aloud, in unison, and then individually, in silence.

**Gracious God, we confess that our lives bear less resemblance to Your image than we would like. You shower us with grace we haven't earned, but we put conditions on our love. You give and give and give, but we put limits on our generosity. You draw near to all who suffer, but we turn away. You count each hair on our heads, but we fail to truly see those around us. Forgive us, God. Reshape our lives into Your image. Help us to become the people You made us to be. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said: "How incredibly, wonderfully it is that God says to you, to me: "There is nothing you can do to make love you less. I take you - you - body and soul, you the visible and the invisible of you, I love you, I love you, I love you." You are loved by God. 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

### Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

<sup>1</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!  
<sup>4</sup> Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

### 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." <sup>27</sup>He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." <sup>30</sup>He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." <sup>31</sup>He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

SERMON

Bridges & Chasms

Rev. Andi Lloyd

\*HYMN

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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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)**

**God of abundance, your giving knows no ending. And for that, we give you thanks and praise. We rejoice to return to you a portion of all that you have given to us. Bless these gifts, God. And as Jesus multiplied the fishes and loaves, we pray you would multiply the good that comes of these, our humble offerings. 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**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Spirit in Nature: contemplative walk at Hatch Cove Preserve**

All are welcome to join Pastor Andi for a contemplative walk at Hatch Cove Preserve this afternoon, **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.

**No Neighbor Left Behind**

We will gather this Friday, **September 30** at 2 p.m. to collect, portion, package, and deliver No Neighbor Left Behind meals to families and neighbors across our area. If you have signed up to donate food, please drop your donations off at the church's **SIDE DOOR** by 2 p.m. on Friday.

**NOTES**

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# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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William Kethe, 1561  
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

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1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who  
3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with  
4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose



out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose  
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us  
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times



praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - jice.  
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.  
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

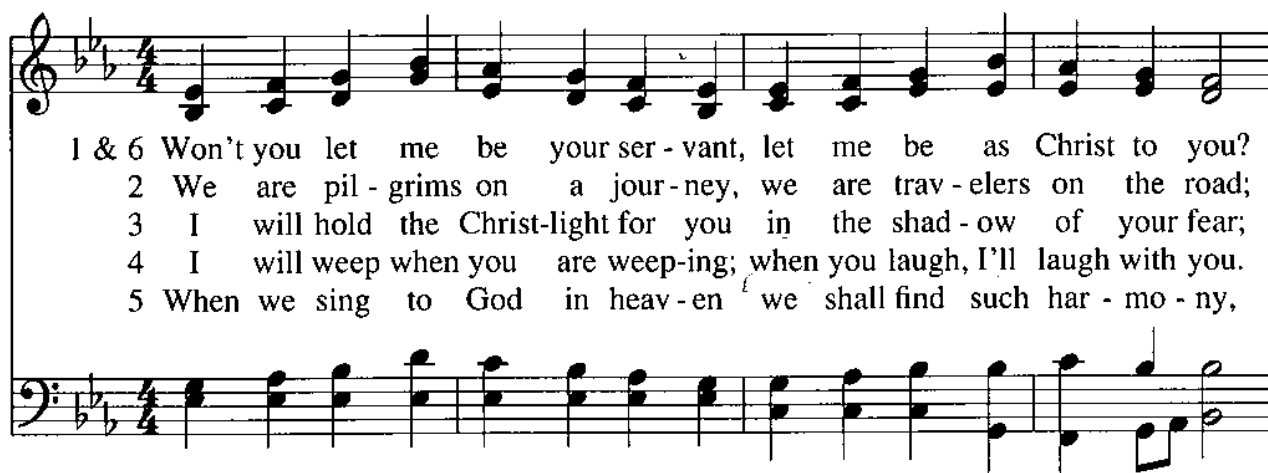


# Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

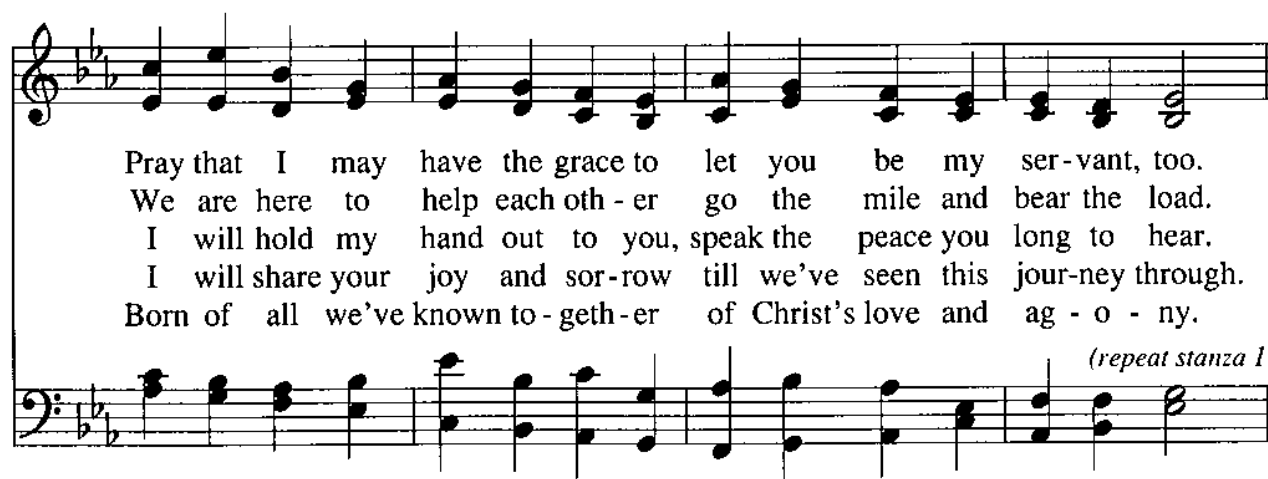
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.  
Richard Gillard, 1977  
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkinham, 1977; adapt



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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, 1717-1791  
Tr. Peter Williams, 1727-1796, and others

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
John Hughes, 1873-1932

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might-y; Hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar Lead me all my  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me safe on

power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
Be thou still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee. A - men.