**Worship from Home**

**First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC**

**Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“Lift High the Cross”*

Chimes Choir

Call to Worship

**One:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

**One:** Rejoice and be glad:

**All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

**One:** Rejoice and be glad: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn #240 NCH *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (*verses 1, 2, 3 and 5*—*humming only, please)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!  
  
To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!

Spices rich, an offering, Alleluia!

Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia!

Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!  
  
There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia!  
Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!  
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia!  
That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia!  
  
Christ appears in full array, Alleluia!  
Sing with joy this Paschal day, Alleluia!  
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia!  
Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 65: 17-25

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 24: 1-12

Sermon *“New Good Earth”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn #241 NCH *“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”* (humming only, please)

Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with bright array;  
For when the Apostles hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our hearts to be your own,  
That we may give you all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Sovereign One, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield.

Prayers of the People *(sharing of joys and concerns)*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(debts and debtors)*

Invitation to Give

Offertory*“Thine is the Glory”*

Musical Consort

Prayer of Dedication

**We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ.** **Amen.**

Hymn #198NCH  *“Lift High the Cross” (*verses 1, 3 and 5—humming only, please)

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.  
  
Come, Christians, follow where the Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God. Refrain  
  
O Christ, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. Refrain  
  
So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Benediction

Postlude *“Lift High the Cross”*

Musical Consort

Our Choir includes Tom Bjorkman, Lisa Durkee, Charlie Ferden, Gina Grosgean, BJ Harris, Bill MacDowell, Sarah Schneider and Becky Wentworth.

Chimes ringers are Lisa Durkee, Anna Emery, Suzanne Grosh, Dale Quinby, Sarah Schneider, and Jeannie Warren.

Our Musical Consort includes Lisa Durkee, Anna Emery, Hunt Gressitt, Dale Quinby, and Sarah Schneider.

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