**Worship from Home**

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

**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:** Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Many: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

**One:** Know that the Lord is God. **Many: It is God who made us, and we are God’s; we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

**One: Enter the Lord’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God’s name.**

**All: For the Lord is good and God’s love endures forever; God’s faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Hymn #584 NCH (vs. 2-4) *“I Am the Light of the World”*

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Loving God, we thank you for drawing us together and for drawing us toward you. In this time of worship, open our hearts so that we may feel your presence with us and give us courage and strength to walk into the rest of our week trusting in your grace. Amen.**

Anthem *“A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost”*

Sermon *“Money Matters”*  Pastor Lisa

Psalm 116 p. NCH Psalm 116:1-14

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Proverbs 3:1-19

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 6:19-21; 24-34

Hymn *(Call and Response)* *“I Walk By Faith”*

**Chorus:** I walk by faith, each step by faith
To live by faith, I put my trust in You
I walk by faith, each step by faith
To live by faith, I put my trust in You

Every step I take is a step of faith
No weapon formed against me shall prosper
And every prayer I make is a prayer of faith
If my God is for me
Who can be against me? **Chorus**

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

OffertoryAnthem *“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”*

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

**For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just our money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.**

\*Hymn #526 NCH *“We are Marching in the Light of God”*

Benediction

Postlude