**Worship from Home**

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

**Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 21, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 71)

**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:**  In you, O LORD, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**Many: Rescue us and deliver us in your righteousness; turn your ear to us and save us.**

**One:** Be our rock of refuge, to which we can always go; give the command to save us, for you are our rock and our fortress.

**All: Our lips will shout for joy when we sing praise to you—We, whom you have redeemed.**

Hymn #439 *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, sets us free!
With mighty power to save, victorious o’er the grave,;
Christ will prevail triumphant.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure;
one little word shall fell them.

That Word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth shall triumph still;
God’s reign endures forever!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. Amen**

Stewardship Moment

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Isaiah 58:9b-14

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 13:10-17

Sermon *“Holy Healing”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn *“Bless the Lord, My Soul”* Taizé Chant

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem "Harriet Tubman” by Walter Robinson

"Leslie Anderson and Lisa Durkee"

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above the heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (from Connectusfund.org)

Loving God, we praise you that all things which come to us are yours. We are thankful that you provide for us financially, you provide for us spiritually, and you provide for us in so many other ways. We cannot begin to list the ways you bless us. We know you don’t need anything material from us, but you desire our reverence. And so, blessed Lord, we give you our tithes and offerings now, but more importantly, we give you our love and our esteem. Amen.

Hymn #612 NCH  *“Strengthen All the Weary Hands”*

Strengthen all the weary hands, steady all the trembling knees,

and say to all faint hearts: Courage, courage, do not be afraid.

Refrain: Look, your God is coming. God comes, comes to save you.

Courage, courage, do not be afraid.

Waters flow in the wilderness, streams break forth amid arid deserts,

burning sands turn to pools. Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.

Refrain

Then the ransomed shall return, they shall come to Zion with singing.

Joy shall crown their heads. Sorrow, sighing , all shall flee away.

 Refrain

Let the wilderness be glad, and the desert burst into blossom,

Dance and sing for joy! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

 Refrain

Benediction

Postlude