**Worship from Home**

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

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 4, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

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:**  You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

**Many: God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.**

**One:** Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love.

**Many: God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.**

**One:** All life is created and nourished by you! May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

**All: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

Hymn #459 NCH *“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, O fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God’s unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at ever turning, God will guide me safely home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.

Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I’ve known:
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Life Sustainer, we receive the things you desire to offer us today and each new day! Grant us wisdom and openness to your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm 51, p.657 NCH Psalm 51;1-13

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A Reading from The Gospels John 6:24-35

Sermon *“To Be Well Fed”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn Insert *“Come Share the Lord”*

We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“There Will Be Bread”*

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 (From Moira Laidlaw)

**We glorify you, O God, through these gifts and our lives. May they be used to reveal your glory in ways that proclaim Jesus as your chosen and beloved Son, and which show that we have indeed listened to him.  Amen**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**CONSECRATION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Gracious God, we give thanks to you for bread and for the cup and for all that you touch and bless. Grant that we may always appreciate the mystery of your presence in the simple and ordinary things of life. As we have shared the body and blood of Christ Jesus - so help us to share the good news that he came to bring to all people. We offer our prayers in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #539 NCH *“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow ‘til we’ve seen this journey through.

Benediction

Postlude

Except where otherwise noted, our liturgy this morning comes from the U.C.C.’s Worship Ways.