

22<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORSHIP FROM HOME  
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC  
November 1, 2020

GATHERING AND WELCOME

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy One says:

Why spend money on what does not satisfy? Why spend wages and still be hungry?

Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all.

Listen now, my people, and come to me, and you will have life!

**INVOCATION(unison): Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, O God Most High. Amen.**

HYMN        "Jesus Took the Bread"

Jesus took the bread, daily gift of God,  
formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.  
In our hands we take gifts of bread and wine,  
Gathered from the fields of earth, signs of love divine.

Jesus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,  
thanked the One who made all worlds, all time, all space.  
Blessing, honor, praise, all to God belong.  
Let us lift our hearts to God in a thankful song.

Jesus broke the bread, then he poured the wine,  
Broken body, life poured out, God gives as sign.  
Weak, afraid, and lost: that is when we're healed.  
In our human broken-ness: there is God revealed.

Jesus gives the bread at our table still,  
Gives the cup to those who seek God's loving will.  
Let us go in peace; let us freely give,  
Sharing love withal the world daily as we live.

SCRIPTURE READING    Hebrews 13:1-8  
                                  Mark 12:28-31

### **Hebrews 13: 1-8**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### **Mark 12:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

SERMON     **The Jesus Creed-Part 2: Love Your Neighbor**

SHARING

HYMN         “Sweet Delight, Most Lovely”

Sweet delight, most lovely, shining, faithful friend in love and grief,  
Holy Spirit all divining, ever with us, our relief.  
As the rainfall comes, descending, wash and bless us with your grace;  
All creation comprehending, sanctify our human race.

Wise and careful, you have counted each electron, all the sands,  
All embracing, you have bounded space and time in your kind hands.  
Source of life and every blessing, come in answer to our prayer----  
As you came, our sin redressing, came to save us from despair.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving(unison): **Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (debts)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE    “Peace I Leave With You”   (Refrain only)

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.

Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to others too.

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE