

24rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP FROM HOME
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC
November 15, 2020

GATHERING AND WELCOME

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a community of faith, we gather to worship.

People: We come with different gifts and potentialities.

Leader: We come from differing situations, but Christ is our common ground.

People: We gather to praise and pray, listen and learn, to share and to care.

Leader: We come to be reminded of our connection to God and one another.

All: Let us invest ourselves in this time of worship and praise!

INVOCATION(unison): **O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

HYMN “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's grace
than when we've first begun.

SCRIPTURE READING Judges 4:1-7
 Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON "It's What You Do With What You've Got"

SHARING

HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Help us accept each other, as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life,
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (debts)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er', I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (Refrain)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away; (Refrain)

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE