**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, October 20, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 104)

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**:** Bless God, O my soul, O God, my God, you are very great.

**Many: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

One:You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

**Many: you make the clouds your chariot, you ride the wings of the wind.**

One: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**Many: O God, how manifold are your works!**

\*Hymn #12 NCH *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the tars obey.

I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;

God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

Oh, how your wonders are displayed, wher-e’er I turn my eye:

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

On earth there’s not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.

The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;

Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Living God, we seek your presence now. Our minds cannot understand you, yet our hearts cry out for a living relationship with you. Our eyes cannot see you, yet without you there would be nothing to see. Our faith cannot grasp you, yet in you we live and move and have our being. Our way ahead is hidden from us, but we trust that you have prepared a way through for us. Open our eyes to see your presence in the simple glories of everyday things. Light up our relationship with others by your living word of love in Jesus. Help us so to see where we went wrong in the past, that we shall be able to take our bearings afresh for the way ahead. In Christ’s name we pray Amen.**

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Job 38: 1-7

A Reading from The Gospel of Mark Mark 10: 35-45

Sermon *“Perspective”* Pastor Deb Jenks

\*Hymn #563 NCH *“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”*

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing,

for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation,

that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,

when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning,

God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,

that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God call humanity to join as partners in creating

a future free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating.

That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,

that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory

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

**Creator God, receive and bless these gifts of our praise and re-create our hearts in love that we may with our whole being serve you gladly with all that we have. Amen.**

\*Hymn #498 NCH *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”*

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,

Jesu you acted as servant to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,

neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

These are the one we should serve, these are the ones we should love,

all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,

serving the neighbors we have from you. (Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,

this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude