**Worship from Home**

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

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 16, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from *The Open Gate* by David Adam)

**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:**  Blessed are you, God of all creation.  
**Many: You have called us out of darkness into light.  
One:** Open our eyes to your presence,  
**Many: Open our ears to your call,  
One:** Open our hearts to your love,  
**All: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.**

*\**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 every 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.

O 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, qwander from the love I’ve known:

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Faithful God, your mercies to us are new every morning. In your presence we gather to give you our thanks and praise. You know our hearts in their depths. Your knowledge is not limited by human perspective. Your creation unfolds it gifts for us daily – a great tapestry of love you have spread for our care. What can we offer you but our worship and love? Great is your faithfulness unto us! Amen.

Psalm 1 NCH p. 621

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 17:5-10

Anthem

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 6: 17-26

Message *“Rooted and Grounded in Blessing”* Rev. Deb Jenks

*\**Hymn #313 NCH  *“Like a Tree Beside the Waters*

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,

We, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.

In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.

Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.

Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,

Fill us with your love forever; recreate our hopes and dreams.

Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.

May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.

Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.

O Living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.

By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way.

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

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

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Bless our lives, O God, and our gifts. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. Let the use that is made of them be your use. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #82 NCH *“Go, Mt Children With My Blessing”*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love, and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

**\***Charge and Benediction (from *The Open Gate,* by David Adam)

God,

Make me a blessing.

Those that I meet

Make me a blessing.

As I walk down the street

Make me a blessing.

This day, even this hour

Make me a blessing.

It lies in your power

Make me a blessing.

At work and at home

Make me a blessing.

Wherever I roam

Make me a blessing.

That people may see

I am a blessing,

For you are with me.

Postlude

\* indicates where the congregation may stand, in mind or in spirit.