**Worship from Home**

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

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, February 20, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 57:9-10, by Austin D. Hill)

**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:** I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**Many: I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

**One:** For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;

**Many: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

**All: God of love, we invite your Spirit into our hearts this morning so that we might offer our utmost praise to you. Amen.**

Hymn *“Trust in the Lord” Psalm 137*

Refrain: Trust in the Lord, be good. Dwell in His land, enjoy good pasture.

Trust in the Lord, be good. Follow the Way, for God is faithful.

Your righteousness will shine as the dawn; the just cause, like the noonday sun.

Refrain from anger, and wait patiently. Your salvation shall be won.

Why do the wicked seem to win? Such forces of darkness they invoke!

Yet God sustains us, the enemy shall pass, and vanish like the smoke.

Salvation comes but from the Lord: our stronghold in trouble and despair.

Be patient and true, and God will save you: God’s our refuge, hope and prayer.

Unison Prayer of Invocation (from Bruce Prewer)

**God of extravagant love, may your generous Spirit flow into our little lives. Although our spiritual capacity is small and judgmental thoughts waylay good intentions, may we become miserly in recrimination and more generous in our affirmation of those who share this journey with us. Through Jesus Christ your most prodigious act of love. *Amen!***

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Genesis 45:3-11; 15

A Reading from The Gospels   Luke 6:27-38

Sermon *“*You’ve Heard It Said*”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn *“Your Ways Are Not Our Own*

Your ways are not our own, O gracious God most high,

Yet we would follow in your paths and on your love rely.

Christ teaches us to bless the ones who curse and harm,

To turn the other cheek when struck, attackers to disarm.

Yet, we cannot excuse abuse in any form,

For all are children of your care, and love must be our norm.

How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe?

You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

Forgiveness is our joy, receiving, giving, too.

Keep us from judgments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.*”*

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *“What’s Going On?” Marvin Gaye*

Mother, mother  
There's too many of you crying  
Brother, brother, brother  
There's far too many of you dying  
You know we've got to find a way  
To bring some lovin' here today, yeah

Father, father  
We don't need to escalate  
You see, war is not the answer  
For only love can conquer hate  
You know we've got to find a way  
To bring some lovin' here today

Chorus: Picket lines and picket signs  
Don't punish me with brutality  
Talk to me So you can see  
Oh, what's going on (What's going on)  
What's going on (What's going on) x2

Mother, mother  
Everybody thinks we're wrong  
Oh, but who are they to judge us  
Simply 'cause our hair is long  
Oh, you know we've got to find a way  
To bring some understanding here today

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude