**Worship from Home**

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

**Transfiguration Sunday, February 27, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Jill Jackson-Miller

Call to Worship

**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:** Loving God, you call us together to praise you.

**Many: We bring our breaking hearts.**

**One:** Gracious God, you promise to remain with us always.

**Many: We ask that we might see you.**

**One:** Merciful God, you offer a balm of healing and the hope of peace.

**All: We enter this time of worship in hope, in openness and in praise, grateful for your guidance and praying for a glimpse of your glory. Amen.**

Hymn *“God is Good” Psalm 99*

God is good. Praise our God all ye nations, for God is so good!

Praise our God of salvation, for God is so good!

God loves what is right, attending those who heed His law.

Worship at His feet, and lift His holy name in awe!

Gracious is our God! Our Lord will answer those in prayer.

Equity and grace are given to those in His care!

God is so good! Our forgiving God. Our loving God.

Our God is filled with Grace for you.

Unison Prayer of Invocation *(in part as adapted from the Upanishads by Satish Kumar)*

**God of mercy and redemption, we pray that you would receive us as we come this morning, and in our time together help us find cause for renewed hope.**

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.
Peace, peace, peace. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Exodus 34:29-35

A Reading from The Gospels   Luke 9:28-43

Sermon *“Remove the Veil”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn *“We Have Come at God’s Own Bidding”*

We have come at God’s own bidding to this high and holy place,

Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,

Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:

Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,

That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offering

Prayer of Dedication (from Richard Fairchild)

**Gracious God, your truth is a lamp shining in the darkness of this world's confusion and a fire burning in the coldness of human need. Let this offering and the dedication of our hearts, minds and souls be used to brighten and to warm our warring world and to bring you praise and glory. Amen**

Hymn *“Swiftly Pass the Clouds”*

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;

Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the Height!

Peter, James and John fall silent, turning from the summit’s rise

Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,

Not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,

But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross

And by testing faith’s resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines

And recast our life’s intentions to the shape of your designs,

Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary’s hill

And our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

Benediction

Postlude “Peace, My Friends” Ray Repp

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