**Worship from Home**

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

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 4, 2024**

Prelude *“Nothing Can Trouble,” “Remember Me”* Taizé

Chimes Choir

Introit *“Make Me a Servant”*

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 40)

**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:** The Lord is the everlasting God.

**Many: Our God is the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

**One:**  God gives power to the faint.

**Many: God strengthens those who are weak.**

**One:** Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

**Many: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.**

**One:**  They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

**Many: They shall run and not be weary**

**One:**  They shall walk and not faint.

**All: Blessed be the name of God, day by day.**

Hymn #531 NCH *“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”*

God, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead some wanderers along life’s way;
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

Oh, fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord God, through Jesus you opened the eyes of the blind; you healed the sick and you fed the hungry. By the Spirit you restore strength to the weary and give hope to those who are in despair. You call us, Lord, to proclaim your deeds and your wonders to all people; to worship and serve you that all may be made whole. You offer us a new life of righteousness. We give you thanks and praise for your mercy and your love. Make us worthy, O Lord, to receive all your gifts. Descend on us like the light of a new day. Give light to our souls and put your praise upon our lips. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm 147 p.720 NCH Psalm 147: 1-11

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 40:21-31

A Reading from The New Testament 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Chimes Interlude *“Gloria Patri”*

Sermon *“All Things to All People”*  Pastor Lisa

Hymn #539 NCH *“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow ‘til we’ve seen this journey through.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

OffertoryAnthem *“There Will Be Bread”* Sarah Hart

Prayer of Dedication (from Mark 1:29-39)

**Almighty and Gracious God, we have come this day not simply longing to hear about Jesus, but to find Jesus the Messiah, our Savior. May the gifts we give this day be used to offer healing to those who are broken in body and in spirit, and through them may others find the Christ in us. We ask this in Christ's holy name. Amen.**

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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**Consecration**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity, and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.**

Hymn Insert *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come

Refrain

For to His angels He's given a command, to guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone

Benediction

Benedictory Response *“Nunc Dimittis”*

Postlude