**Worship from Home**

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

**Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 14, 2024**

Prelude *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

Instrumental Consort

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“More Like You”*

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:** Have you heard of our great God?

**Many: God created all that is and reigns over it all. He rules with justice and mercy.**
**One:** Have you heard of our great God?

**Many: God is full of glory and God’s ways are perfect. No one can match God’s wisdom and understanding.**
**One:** Have you heard of our great God?

**Many: God knows each name and sees each person – God’s love for us is unequaled. We belong to God and God calls us his own.**
**All: Come, now, and let us worship our great God, for God is worthy of all honor and glory and praise.**

\*Hymn #172 NCH *“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us!  By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Holy Spirit, guide our worship. Guide our words, our songs, our postures, our thoughts and our prayers. Let everything that is of God fill this place, and anything that is of us diminish. Remove our pride, our agendas and our misguided intentions so that only you and your purposes remain. We so want to experience the Lord and to hear God’s voice. Thank you for leading us today. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Chimes Choir *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Psalm 139 p.715 NCH Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Chimes Interlude *“Nothing Can Trouble”*

A Reading from The New Testament John 1:43-51

Sermon *“Your Servant is Listening”*  Pastor Lisa

Chimes Interlude *“Remember Me”*

\*Hymn Insert *“We Shall Overcome”*

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!

Refrain: Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

The Lord will see us through.

We'll walk hand in hand.

We are not afraid (today).

The truth shall make us free.

We shall live in peace.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

OffertoryAnthem *“All I Need is You”*

Prayer of Dedication

**You call us, not because you need us, but because others do.  You gift us, not because we are so special, but because others need to be blessed by our gifts.  We give from the abundance which is ours, not because we are so generous, but because you have graced us with so much.  May our gifts go to serve the work of your kin-dom, we pray.  Amen.**

\*Hymn Insert *“Here I Am, Lord”*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:  Here I am, Lord.  Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

Some of today’s liturgy comes from *Homileticsonline.com*, an online subscription resource.