**Worship from Home**

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

**The Season of Epiphany, January 15, 2023**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

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:** When fear is holding you back, **Many: Come and see, and follow Christ.  
One:** Whendespair has brought you down, **Many:  Lift up your head, and follow Christ.  
One:** When all seems lost and the world is too harsh,

**Many: Take his hand, and follow Christ.  
One**: In this time of worship

**All:  Let us follow Jesus, and know that Jesus is with us. Christ has come before us, Christ is with us, and Christ will come again. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #38 PH *“Morning Has Broken”*

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Psalm 40:1-11

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from The Gospels John 1:29-42

Sermon *“Firm in the Lord”*  Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn #410 NCH *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

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

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

Invitation to Give

OffertoryAnthem *“40”* U2

Prayer of Dedication

**We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people. Amen.**

*\**Hymn#513 (vs. 1-3) NCH *“O Source of All That Is”*

Benediction

Postlude

Except where otherwise noted, our liturgy this morning comes from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1*, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.