**Worship from Home**

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

**Third Sunday After the Epiphany, January 26, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”*

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: What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!

**All: What a gift to come together in praise!**

One: We are different people with different lives and different stories.

**All: But, in Christ, we are one.**

One: So, as one, we come and worship our God.

**All: As one, we set aside our differences and focus on our shared identity in Christ.**

One: Let us come together in worship.

**All: Let us come together in praise.**

One: Let us come together because we are one in him.

**All: Let us join now in worship.**

*\**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, St. Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,

Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

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 God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us that his ministry is always and ever actively reaching out toward us. In this hour of worship, help us to be open to the challenges of his words, the power of his healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside him as both Savior and friend. In his holy name. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm 19 NCH p. 630 Psalm 19

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 4:14-30

Message *“Jubilation”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn #394 NCH  *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;

But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

God’s service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;

For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

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

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

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“The Call”*  George Herbert/David Ashley White

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious and generous God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have so freely given to us. Receive, we pray, the offerings of our hearts and lives that your name may be hallowed, your gospel proclaimed and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #538 NCH(vs. 1, 4, 5) *“Standing at the Future’s Threshold”*

Standing at the future’s threshold, grateful for God’s guiding hand,

Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,

Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day,

We move forward in God’s mission with our faith to show the way.

Building justice as the bulwark of the peace that God would give,

Making sacrifice the hallmark of the life we’re called to live:

Grant us, God, to bear our witness to this peace in Christ, and move

Forward with our faith’s own access to the life of hope and love.

Jesus Christ, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,

We would ask no special favor, with the lowliest seek our place,

Know the inasmuch of serving, have your cross as our command:

Lead us in this faith unswerving forward as your pilgrim band.

**\***Charge and Benediction

Postlude

\* indicates where the congregation may stand, in mind or in spirit.

Much of our liturgy this morning comes from *Homileticsonline,* a subscription service whose writers are uncredited.