**Worship from Home**

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

**First Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 9, 2022**

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 your spirit.**

**One:** God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**Many: When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

**One:**  God is with us and calls us by name.

**Many: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

**One:**  God is with us, calls us by name and heals us.

**All: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.**

Hymn *“On Jordan’s Banks”*

On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry

announces that the Lamb is nigh;

awake and hearken, for he brings

glad tidings of the King of Kings.

In you, we find abundant life,

Our refuge in the midst of strife;

Without your grace we waste away,

Like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,

And help us rise to fall no more.

O let your face upon us shine,

And fill the world with love divine.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world.**

Words of Assurance

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from The New Testament Luke 3:15-22

Sermon *“Loved By Name”*  Pastor Lisa

Hymn *“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”*

Christ, when for us you were baptized,

God’s spirit on you came,

As peaceful as a dove and yet

As urgent as a flame

God called you, “My beloved Son,”

Called you “My servant true,”

Sent you God’s kingdom to proclaim,

God’s holy will to do.

Baptize us with our Spirit now,

Your cross on us be signed,

That likewise in God’s service we

May perfect freedom find.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (From Moira Laidlaw)

**O God, you overwhelm us with the blessings of creation and the blessings of your love; love revealed in Jesus and experienced by us through the power of your Spirit. We respond with these gifts and pray that through them - and our Spirit-filled witness - others may come to recognize and experience your presence in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen**

Hymn *“She Comes Sailing on the Wind”*

Refrain

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;

On a journey just begun, she flies on.

And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,

full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Verses

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,

Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.

And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the east,

Like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight

When the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,

And then down the ages still she flew on.

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,

A whisper softly calling in the dark,

The promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,

Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high,

Above the child now grown so full of grace.

As he rode up from the water, she swept down from the sky,

And she carried him away in her embrace.

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,

After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,

The Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,

bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

Benediction

Postlude