**Worship from Home**

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

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 17, 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 you.**

**One:** We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands

**Many: We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.**

**One:** Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

**Many: We want to quietly rest in God’s presence, free from the clamor of the world.**

**One:** This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. AMEN.**

Hymn *“We Come, O Christ, To You” (vs. 1, 3,4)*

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man;

by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:

in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the living Truth, all wisdom dwells in you,

the source of every skill, the one eternal True!

O great I am! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live

the more abundant life that earth can never give.

O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

Stewardship Moment

A Reading from The Epistles Colossians 1:15-29

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 10:38-42

Sermon *“The Image of the Invisible God”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn #552 NCH  *“From the Crush of Wealth and Power”*

From the crush of wealth and power something broken in us all

waits the spirit’s silent hour pleading with a poignant call,
bind all my wounds again.

Even now our hearts are wary of the friend we need so much.
When I see the pain you carry, shall I, with a gentle touch,
bind all your wounds again?

When our love for one another makes our burdens light to bear,
find the sister and the brother, hungry for the feast we share;
bind all their wounds again.

Ev’ry time our spirits languish terrified to draw too near,
may we know each other’s anguish and, with love that casts out fear,
bind all our wounds again.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above the heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (from Moira Laidlaw)

**As Jesus’ disciples went out and proclaimed the gospel  in word and deed,  so may we do likewise.  Bless and use these gifts and our lives, O God, as we seek to be strong, yet  gentle,  followers of Jesus, in whose name we pray.  Amen.**

Hymn *“We Are God’s People”*

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Benediction

Postlude

Except where otherwise noted, this morning’s liturgy is from Nancy Townley as published in *Ministry Matters.*