**Worship from Home**

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

**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 24, 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 to rejoice in the Holy One. **Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!
One:** We assemble as people called to community by and with the Redeemer.
**Many: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!
One:** We come open to the possibilities made new by the Creator. **Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!**

Hymn *“O Mothering Father, God in Heaven”*

Our Mothering Father be with us now joyously,
as voices raise for all your love has wrought,
our lives with blessings fraught
transcending all our thought, we speak your praise.

O God, no lips alone could our joyfulness own,
and worship you, but may our lives express
that which our hearts confess,
and we in holiness our souls renew.

And may our hands reach out to those who round about
demand our love. In every hour of need

may we their pleadings heed,
‘til earth becomes indeed like heaven above. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Invocation (from Bruce Prewer)

**Holy God, we come asking for more of your Spirit in our lives, we come seeking a clearer understanding of your will, we come knocking for doors of opportunity to open, we come, knowing that you are always more ready to give than we are to receive. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen!***

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 11:1-13

Sermon *“Teach Us To Pray”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn # 169 NCH *“What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams”*

What ruler wades through murky streams and bows beneath the wave,

Ignoring how the world esteems the powerful and brave?

Refrain: Water, River, Spirit, Grade, sweet over me, sweep over me!

Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me.

Christ gleams with water brown with clay from land the prophets trod.

Above while heaven’s clouds give way descends the dove of God. Refrain

Come bow beneath the flowing wave, Christ stands here at your side

And raises you as from the grave God raised the crucified. Refrain

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

**God our Companion, receive these gifts as seeds to be nurtured and grown into new abundance, more possibilities, and magnifying gifts for your kingdom on earth. Amen**

Hymn #353 NCH  *“Great Work Has God Begun in You”*

Great work has God begun in you, so let the Spirit follow through;

The mark of Christ upon your brow, baptismal touch remember now.

In love, God calls you to this day, and gives you strength, these vows to say;

Take up the faith that you were shown, and grow, assured you are God’s own.

Around God’s table celebrate the end of bondage, sin, and hate:

A feast of love and victory, the gift of Christ who sets us free.

Great work has God begun in you; take on God’s love in all you do,

And may that love in you increase—now, with God’s blessing, go in peace.

Benediction

Postlude

Except where otherwise noted, this morning’s liturgy is from the UCC’s *Worship Ways*.