**Worship from Home**

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

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit #35 PH “*When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

*When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer  
we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 85)

**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:** Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path. **Many: Restore us, O God, and stir anger within for the pain and injustices of the world.  
One:** Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.  
**Many: Revive us, O God, and bring joy to our hearts and a song of praise on our lips.  
One:** Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.  
**Many: Redeem us, O God, and call your people back to you in spirit and in truth.**

*\**Hymn #290 NCH (1, 4, 5) *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;

The baptism of the heaven-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**One Who Is Holy, make us like new, show us your way, teach us to pray with our hearts and our hands. Give us the word today that we need to know you. Give us hope today to be a beacon in a world full of lost and confused. Give us joy today to make your name known. Give us peace today to respond with courage, fortitude, and conviction. Give us love today to love as you have loved us. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm #85, p. 676 NCH Psalm 85

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Genesis 18:16-33

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 11:1-13

Message *“Bargaining with God”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn #341 PH  *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;

reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives your service find,

in deeper reverence praise,

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,

the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them without a word,

“rise up and follow thee.”

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above!

Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity

interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;

take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess

the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the pulses of desire Thy coolness and they balm;

Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire: Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,

O still, small voice of calm.

(John G. Whittier, adapted.)

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

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

Prayer Response #769 NCH

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

**Our God in Glory, may the good gifts we bring of time, talent, and treasure be used and magnified for the benefit of your beloved. Thank you, Holy One, for enabling us to join in your kin-dom come on earth. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #486 NCH *“I Must Tell Jesus”*

I must tell Jesus all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone;

In my distress my Jesus will help me, whoever loves and cares for God’s own.

Refrain: I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone;

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles, Jesus my kind, compassionate Friend;

If I but ask, my Savior will answer, all of my troubles quickly will end. Refrain

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior, One who can help my burdens to bear;

I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, who all my cares and sorrows will share. Refrain

Oh, how the world to evil allures me! Oh, how my heart is tempted to sin!

I must tell Jesus, my Friend who helps me over the world the victory to win. Refrain

Benediction

Postlude

***Teach Us*: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Leading us in worship today are the Rev. Lisa J. Durkee, our settled pastor. Lay readers are Doug and Maria Fulton. Our organist today is George Emlen, to whom we are especially grateful while the choir is on a brief hiatus.