**Worship from Home**

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

**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 31, 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:** Our Loving God gathers us from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.  
**Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Let us say so!  
One:** We cried out to our God in the time of trouble and eased our distress. **Many: The Holy One is in our midst. God leads us on right paths.  
One:** Our Provider satisfies our thirst and meets our needs. **Many: The Holy One is in our midst. Consider God’s steadfast love!**

Hymn #584 (vs. 2-4) *“I Am the Light of the World”*

Refrain: I am the Light of the World. You people come and follow me.  
If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery  
Of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one, To heal that broken soul with love,  
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, To feel the earth below the sky above!

To free the prisoner from his chains, To make the powerful care,  
To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill, To call a man your brother everywhere.

To bring hope to every task you do, To dance at a baby's new birth,  
To make music in an old man's heart, And sing to the colors of the earth!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Holy Love, we worship you as your people. You tether us to you in righteousness and covenant. Reveal your face to us. Let us see you in our midst, in our neighbors, and in ourselves. Clothe us in love and compassion, and continually fashion us as your people for you are our God. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 12:13-21

Sermon *“The Poor People’s Campaign”* Haydée Foreman, Linda Homer and David Jolly

Hymn *“Bigger Barns”*

"Bigger barns are what I need!" So a rich man said one day.  
"From my worries I'll be free when my wealth is stored away."  
"Fool!" God said, "Today you'll die! Will your wealth mean anything?  
All life's blessings really lie in my life that wealth can't bring."

"Bigger barns are what we need for our money, gadgets, more!"  
Lord, we're tempted to believe having wealth, we'll be secure!  
Somewhere children cry for food or to have a doctor's care.  
Can our bigger barns be good when poor neighbors know despair?

God of love, we long to know what will make us truly blest.  
Jesus taught us long ago wealth won't give us peace or rest.  
You are our security! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord.  
May we find we're rich indeed when we're sharing with the poor.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem “Talkin’ Bout a Revolution” *Tracy Chapman*

Pastor Lisa and Becky Wentworth

Don't you know they're talking about a revolution? It sounds like a whisper. (x2)

While they're standing in the welfare lines  
Crying at the doorsteps of those armies of salvation  
Wasting time in the unemployment lines  
Sitting around waiting for a promotion

Don't you know . . . Talking about a revolution? It sounds like a whisper

Poor people gonna rise up And get their share  
Poor people gonna rise up And take what's theirs

Don't you know you better run . . .

Oh, I said you better run . . .

'Cause finally the tables are starting to turn  
Talkin' 'bout a revolution (x3)

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

**Loving God, may we demonstrate our love through these gifts. Bless them and magnify them so that all creation will benefit from your abundance and gift of life and love.**

Hymn #311 NCH  *“Renew Your Church”*

Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore.  
Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.  
'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatreds spread their blight,  
O send us forth with power endued, help us, Lord, be renewed.

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine, on our path let it shine;  
tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace, from each page show your face.  
As you have loved us, sent your Son, and our salvation now is won,  
O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, Lord, know your Word.

Teach us to pray, for you are ever near, your still voice let us hear.  
Our souls are restless till they rest in you, this the goal we pursue.  
Before your presence keep us still that we may find for us your will,  
and seek your guidance every day, teach us, Lord, how to pray.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all, humankind;  
break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us not to our fate.  
As you have loved and given your life to end hostility and strife,  
O share your grace from heaven above, teach us, Lord, how to love.

Benediction

Postlude