**Worship from Home**

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

**Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 11, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

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:** The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:  
**Many: we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.**  
**One:** The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:  
**Many: we all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.  
One:** The hesitant, the heroic, the grandparents, the little children:  
**Many: we all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.**

*\**Hymn #531 NCH *“God, Speak to Me”*

God, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead some wanderers along life’s way;  
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungry ones without delay.

Oh, fill me with your fullness, God, your overflowing love to know  
In glowing word and kindling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where  
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**You continue to call us, Breath of life: to follow, even when our faith falters; to drink the living waters bottled with your grace; to serve those whom the world easily discounts. You call us, to see you waiting at the end of our pilgrimage. So, be with us in this hour, that we may be strengthened to follow you, trusting in your presence with us. Amen.**

Children’s Message

#643 NCH Psalm 33

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Genesis 12:1-9

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Message *“The Call to Faith”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn#410 NCH *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

If you but trust in God to guide you with hopeful heart through all your ways,  
you will find strength with God beside you to bear the worst of evil days;  
for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

Only be still and wait God’s pleasure in cheerful hope with heart content.  
trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love besent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God’s ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully,  
and trust God’s word; though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free.  
God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God’s faithfulness.

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

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

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“One Touch” Nicole C. Mullen*

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

**We could not do it on our own – stepping out in faith, embarking on journeys to unknown places, trusting in you above everything else. So, bless us with your gifts as we continue to follow you, seeking the lonely, helping the broken, and bringing hope to our world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #361 PH *“Have Faith in God”*

Have faith in God, my heart, trust and be unafraid;  
God will fulfil in every part each promise he has made.

Have faith in God, my mind, although your light burns low;  
God’s mercy holds a wiser plan than you can fully know.

Have faith in God, my soul, his cross forever stands;  
and neither life nor death can tear his children from his hands.

Lord Jesus, make me whole; grant me no resting place  
until I rest, heart, mind, and soul, the captive of your grace.

Benediction

Benedictory Response

Postlude

\* indicates where the congregation may stand as they are able

Much of this morning’s liturgy comes from Thom Shuman, a Presbyterian pastor from Cincinnati, OH.