**Worship from Home**

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

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, June 30, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Give Thanks”*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)

**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:** Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones

**Many: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**

**One:** Where there was no way

**Many: God leads us in a new way**

**One:** Where there was no mercy

**Many**: **God surprises us with fresh mercy**

**One:** Where there was weeping

**Many: God invites us to step into a new dance.**

Hymn Insert *“Awesome God”*

Our God is an awesome God; God reigns from heaven above,

With wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**O Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Children’s Message “*The Garden Song”*

Chorus: Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.

All it takes is a rake and a hoe, and a piece of fertile ground.

Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow;

Someone bless them from below ‘til the rains come tumbling down.

Psalm 130, p.709 NCH Psalm 130

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Lamentations 3:22-33

A Reading from the Epistles 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Sermon *“New Compassion in the Morning”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn #370 NCH *“What Gift Can We Bring”*

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

what song can we now offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,

who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,

for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,

for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,

the Word is our promise always, forever,

we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,

these words can convey it the joy of this day!

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

this song we now offer in honor and praise.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“Save Us Now”* Tracy Chapman

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

**Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.**

\*Hymn #366 NCH *“God of Our Life”*

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you;
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your care shines through.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own your mercies, God, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land; be now our guide.
Bless us in times of darkness and of light, then faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow you;
when we are strong, O leave us not alone; our refuge true.
Be now for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Benediction

Postlude

This morning’s liturgy, “Belief, not Fear,”was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship, Liturgy and Spiritual Formation, LCM, and is shared through the UCC Worship Ways.