**Worship from Home**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2024**

Prelude *“If I Needed You”* Townes Van Zandt

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Great God, the Followers of Your Child”*

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:**  How awesome God’s light is!

**Many: It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world!**

**One**: Come, dance and rejoice in the light!

**Many: Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits!**

**One**: Come, let us celebrate!

**Many: Let us bring our praise to God! AMEN.**

Hymn #208 NCH *“God Loved the World”*

God loved the world and loving gave a wondrous gift, the lost to save
That all who would in Christ believe should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves us all from death; that is the firmest ground of faith!

Be of good cheer, for God's in Christ forgives the sins that you have done.
And justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Loving and gracious God, as we draw together this hour, help us to draw closer to you through our prayers, through our singing, and in our silence. May our thoughts be worthy of the love you offer us unconditionally and eternally, and may our lives be a reflection of our thanks. We offer this prayer and the worship of this time in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Chimes Interlude *“Remember Me”* Taizé

Psalm 107 p. 693 NCH Psalm 107:1-3; 17-22

A Reading from The Epistles Ephesians 2:1-10

Chimes Interlude *“Nothing Can Trouble”* Taizé

A Reading from The Gospels John 3:14-21

Chimes Interlude *“Gloria Patri”*

Sermon *“Altered States”*  Pastor Lisa

Hymn #547 NCH *“Amazing Grace”*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound), that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

OffertoryAnthem *“What Wondrous Love”*

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

**God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #605 NCH *“As Moses Raised the Serpent Up”*

As Moses raised the serpent up, God’s Child is lifted high;

And all who in that Child believe shall never, never die.

For God so loved the world that God, all human life to free,

Gave to the world God’s Child that all might live eternally.

That Child was sent into the world not to condemn but save;

Now through Christ’s name all are redeemed—what wondrous love God Gave.

Benediction *“Go in Peace”* Sam Baker and Liz Rose

Postlude