**Worship from Home**

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

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

Prelude *“Trumpet Tune from Voluntary No. 1 in D”* William Boyce, arr. By S. Drummond Wolff

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Joyful, Joyful”*

The Chimes Choir

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:** Christ is Risen!

**Many: The Lord is risen indeed!**

**One:** Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

*\**Hymn #187 PH *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, alleluia! Where the angels ever sing: Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above: Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Invocation (from Richard Fairchild)

**Most gracious and loving God, who has swallowed up death with the resurrection of Christ Jesus, bring about in us new life with him. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us and give us hearts and minds fitting for your praise. Grant to us your continual help. Make us die every day to sin so that we may live with him forever. You give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal. We ask these things in the name of your risen Son, he who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now, and forevermore. Amen**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Anthem *“Cantate Deo” (from Handel’s Water Music Suite)* arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 16:1-8

Message *“We Tell the Story of Hope”* Pastor Lisa

Musical Reflection *“Come Sound His Praise Abroad”* Isaac Smith, arr. By Anthony Giamanco

Instrumental Consort

*\**Hymn#243 NCH *“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled;

But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn;
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God’s liberating deed;
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.

Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be yours eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the God of joy!
Alleluia! to the Savior who came death’s bonds to destroy;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia! To the Triune Majesty!

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

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

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“Because He Lives (Amen)”* Matt Maher, et. al

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

**Loving God, we thank you for this Easter Day, with its promise of new life and new opportunities. Use us and our gifts to love and to serve you, and to witness to Jesus our Christ, whom you have raised. Amen**

*\**Hymn #241 NCH *“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”*

Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with bright array;

For when th’Apostles hid in fear, the Risen Christ to them appeared.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come take our hearts to be your own,

That we may give you all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Sovereign One, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield.

Benediction

Benedictory Response *“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”* Andy Harsant

The Chimes Choir

Postlude *“Trumpet Tune from Voluntary No. 3 in D”* William Boyce, arr. By Drummond Wolff