**Worship from Home**

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

**Third Sunday of Easter, May 1, 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: Now is the time to sing! to sing the good news of God,

**Many: who awakens us with dawn’s embrace,** **who surrounds us with joy and life.**
One: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice;
**Many: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment** **with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**
One: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies!
**All: We will sing the good news of Easter!** **We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

Hymn *“Seek Ye First”*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all these things will be added unto you; Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,

Knock, and the door shall be open unto you. Alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**It is good to be together in the presence of the Lord! God, we welcome you to this place. We know that apart from you, all that we try to do, say or sing will sound like noise. Instead, we ask that you guide us in our words, guide us in our prayers and guide us in our worship -- that all that is said, sung and done in this place will bring you the great glory you deserve. May it be a sweet sound to you. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from The New Testament **Acts 9:1-20**

A Reading from the Gospels **John 21:1-19**

Sermon *“Moved to Change”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn #250 NCH *“Listen to Your Savior Call”*

Listen to your Savior call, “Do you love me most of all?”

Jesus speaks, and speaks to you: “Love me as I first loved you.”

“I delivered you when bound, and, when bleeding, healed your wound.

Sought you wandering, set you right, for your pathway gave you light.”

“Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above,

Deeper than the depths beneath, free and faithful, strong as death.”

O, my Savior, hear my need; though my love is faint indeed,

Still I love you and adore—oh, for grace to love you more!

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

**Our Father [and Mother], who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

**May the gifts we offer this day, kind God, bring joy to those whose mornings are hopeless, feed those whose noontimes are filled with hunger, and bring peace to those whose nights are surrounded by fears and worries.  This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

**INVITATION**

**CONSECRATION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (From Thom Shumann)

**We thank you, loving God, that here at the Table graced with creation's gifts, we discover the world you intend. Here where your love enlivens the bread and the cup, we thank you that we are given more than enough of everything we need. Sharing deeply in the Spirit, we thank you that we can give hope its wings, as it carries us to serve the broken all around us. Strengthened by the grace with which you feed us, we can join together to sustain the weary of the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn  *“Psalm 30: I Will Exalt Thee”* Stephen J. Pearson

Chorus: I will exalt You!
You lifted me from the depths of despair.
I will exalt You!
I cried for help, and my Lord, You were there!

Sing to the Lord, you saints of God.
Praise the Holy One.
Sorrow may last throughout the night,
but joy comes with the sun!

Well have I learned my strength is You:
with You, this mountain stands strong.
You cast off pain, and clothe me in joy,
that I may praise You in song.

Benediction

Pastor Lisa:Now it is time to get up and go.
**All: We will leave in order to follow God into the world.**

Pastor Lisa:Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

**All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.**
Pastor Lisa:Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.
**All: The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Our Choir includes Tom Bjorkman, Lisa Durkee, Charlie Ferden, Gina Grogean, BJ Harris, Bill MacDowell, Sarah Schneider and Becky Wentworth.

The **Prayer of Invocation** is from *Homileticsonline, a subscription service.* Other service prayersare by The Rev. Thom Shuman.