**Worship from Home**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

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:** Makea joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Many: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with happy songs.**

**One:** Acknowledge that the Lord is God. Remember that God made us and that we are God’s.

**Many: We are God’s people, the flock of God’s pasture.**

**One:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise.

**Many: Give thanks to God and bless God’s holy name.**

**One:** Give thanks and bless God’s holy name, for the Lord is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

*\**Hymn #242 NCH *“The Strife is O’er”*

Alleluia (x3)

The strife is o’er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;

The song of triumph, has begun. Alleluia

The power of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead;

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Christ by your wounds on Calvary from death’s dread sting your servants free,

That we may live eternally. Alleluia! Alleluia (3X)

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord God, we need you. We need you every hour of every day. We need your support, your love, your helping hand. We need, O God, your word to guide us; your Spirit to inspire us; your strength to hold us up. Be present with us at this hour of worship. Help us to bless your most holy name. Make us the people you want us to be. We ask it in the name of the risen one, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm 23, NCH p.633 Psalm 23

A Reading from the New Testament Revelation 7:9-17

Anthem *“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”* J. S. Bach

A Reading from the Gospels John 10:22-30

Message *“This Word, This Lamb of God”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn#252 NCH *“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;

In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;

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We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;

Keep your flock, from sin defend us, see us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;

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Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will.

Jesus Christ our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;

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

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

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory

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

**Merciful Savior, we thank you for the ways in which you have enfolded us in your love and called us to follow you. May these gifts and our lives, offered in your name, be used to enfold others in your love and to bring to you the praise and glory you so richly deserve. Amen**

*\**Hymn #199 PH “Crown Him with Many Crowns*”*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Postlude

Except where noted, this morning’s liturgy comes from Richard Fairchild of the United Church of Canada.