**Worship from Home**

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024**

Prelude *“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”* Williams/Tornquist

Instrumental Consort

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Grace Alone”* Brown/Nelson

Call to Worship (from Psalm 98)

**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:** Prepare a way for God. Sing the praises of the one who rides upon the clouds.

**Many: We will exalt God's holy name and be glad in God’s presence. We will shout for joy and declare all that the Lord has done.**

**One:** God gives the desolate a home. God leads prisoners out of bondage and richly blesses them.

**Many: God causes the rain to fall and restores the land. God provides for the needy and delivers those who call upon God’s name.**

**All: Blessed be God whose majesty is over Israel; whose power is in the skies.**

\*Hymn #47 NCH *“O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven”*

O Christ Jesus, sent from heaven, Love Eternal, crucified,

Welcome Savior, mission bearing, dwell among us, now reside.

Alleluia! Way of Anguish, sow your peace, with us Abide.

O Christ Jesus, our salvation, Shepherd kind, life’s Bread and Wine,

Word Made Flesh, God’s Blessed Servant, washing feet shows your design.

Alleluia! Living Water, slake our hearts with grace divine.

O Christ Jesus, Father-Mother, Spirit Triune Source of all,

Claim our wounded, halting witness; we surrender to your thrall.

Alleluia! Truth incarnate, stir us with your servant call.

O Christ Jesus, preached down ages, in the womb of God begun,

Pray restore your broken Body, born when Calvary’s work was done.

Alleluia! Life for Others, hear our plea: “May all be one!”

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord, we praise you this morning for the love which grants us freedom and for the grace which allows us to dwell in peace. We praise you for the sun that shines upon our endeavors and for the moon and the stars at night which remind us of your glory. We thank you for the many good things that you have bestowed upon us. Help us, O God, in this time of worship, and beyond, to have a heart that exalts in your grace and goodness, lips unafraid to proclaim your praise, and minds which are focused on living according your glorious and living word. Amen**

Children’s Message

Psalm 1 p.621 NCH Psalm 1

A Reading from the Gospels John 17:6-19

Sermon *“Jesus’ Prayer for Visibility”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn #542 NCH *“Born of God, Eternal Savior”*

Born of God, Eternal Savior, source of life, of truth and grace,

Human One, whose birth incarnate hallows all our humanness.

Come again, in all your glory; come to us, inspire and lead;

Fill us with your loving kindness, heal our wrongs and help our need.

Christ, as you have lived for others, so may we for others live;

Freely have your gifts been granted, freely may your servants give.

All the wealth that we may gather is for use in causes just.

We are stewards of the bounty loaned to us in solemn trust.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, granting love and joy and peace;

Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,

Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure, shame our selfish greed for gain.

See the Christ-like host advancing, high and lowly, great and small,

Linked in bonds of common service, answering the Savior’s call.

Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading that your people should be one.

Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition: here on earth, your will be done.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *“You Are Mine”* David Haas

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 (from Richard Fairchild)

**God of all Power and Might, the wonder of Resurrection is still in our minds and hearts. Just as you raised Jesus to life once more, so too have you given to us the freshness and fullness of new life. We rejoice in that gift; and in that rejoicing, we bring forth our own gifts of hope and promise. Your Son lived among us; taught and healed, and broke bread, making your love known in his words and deeds. We express our faithfulness now in and through these gifts and pray that they might become the evidence of your love in our world. In the name of Jesus, our Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn #209 NCH (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6) *“O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free”*

O Love, how vast, how flowing free, O Love how filled with ecstasy,

That God a human form should take, and mortal be for mortals’ sake.

Not as an angel visiting, nor form celestial orbiting,

But born in flesh God chose to be, robed in our own humanity.

For us baptized, and fasting long, for us was tempted by the wrong,

For us the pangs of hunger knew, for us the Tempter overthrew.

For us was beaten, whipped, and tried, and taken to be crucified,

So Love all this for us endured, and dying, life for us procured.

Benediction

Postlude