**Worship from Home**

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

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 68)

**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:**  Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.**Many: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

**One:** Sing to God, all peoples of the world.Sing praises to God most high.**Many:** **From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

**One:** Let the righteous be joyful!Let them rejoice before God.**All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

*\**Hymn #462 NCH *“Creating God Your Fingers Trace”*

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;

let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;

let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;

let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;

let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Oh God, grant that the same mind be in all of us, that was in Christ Jesus: his self-forgetting, humility, interest in common things, his love for common people, compassion for the fallen, his tolerance with the mistaken, his patience with the slow, and in our work make us continually sensitive to your guidance and ready for your will. Amen**

Children’s Message

# 664 NCH Psalm 68:1-10; 32-35

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Gospels John 17:1-11

Message *“A Color Chart”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn#336 NCH *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”*

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon you lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

I have no help but yours nor do I need  
another arm but yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
my strength is in your might, your might alone.

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 (From Moira Laidlaw)

**We offer these gifts, O God, as proof that we remember all your benefits towards us.  May these gifts and the service of our lives benefit others so fully and graciously, that they will know that your love is clearly written on our hearts.   This we pray in Jesus’ name.  Amen**

*\**Hymn Insert *“Soon and Very Soon”*

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King (x3),  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more crying there, We are going to see the King (x3),  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more dying there, We are going to see the King (x3),  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

Benediction

Benedictory Response

Postlude

\* indicates where the congregation may stand as they are able