**Worship from Home**

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

**Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend**

**May 26, 2024**

Prelude Music from Bill Shubeck

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (Ring Singing Bowl 3X)

Call to Worship

**One:** We call on a God who is communion –

**Many: A communion of Creator, Christ, and Spirit,**

**One:** A communion of Lover, Beloved, and Love.

**Many: A communion of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**One:** A communion of Source, Word, and Breath.

**Many: There are many ways to name the divine Trinity.**

**One:** There are many ways to be taken up

**Many: into its dance of being.**

**One:** Let us sing!

Opening Hymn #275 NCH “Come Now, Almighty God”

Come now, almighty God, help us your name to laud; our songs we raise.
Ruler all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come now, incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored; our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless, and give your Word success,
Grant us your holiness, Savior and Friend.

Come, holy Comforter, your sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Mysterious God, though we cannot fully understand you, give us the senses to**

**truly know you. Give us observant eyes for to see your glory, attentive ears**

**that will hear your wisdom, and open hearts able to recognize and hold your infinite love. Withall these riches, may we turn toward healing this world in your name and presence. Amen.**

Children’s Message Rev. Joel Krueger

A Call to Remembrance A story of Memorial Day

 Silence

A Song of Love and Remembrance

“Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” by Pete Seeger

Inspired by the traditional Cossack folk song “Koloda-Duda”

Psalm 29 p. 638, NCH

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans, 8:12-17

A Reading from the Gospel of John 3:1-17

Message "Nicodemus, the Spirit, and Me" Rev. Dr. Kate Winters

Hymn #283 NCH “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People (sharing of joys and concerns)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication

**As your gifts of spring continue to enthrall us, Holy God, may we find joy in our giving this morning. As you surround us with color, may we surround all people with our care and our hope for this world’s future. We begin healing the world with the gifts we give today, in your name. Amen.**

Closing Hymn “If I Had a Hammer” Written by Lee Hayes and Pete Seeger

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between
My brothers and my sisters ah-aaah
All over this land.

If I had a bell . . .

If I had a song . . .

I got a hammer, and I got a bell
I got a song to sing all over this land
It's the hammer of justice; It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

Benediction

Postlude Music from Bill Shubeck