**Worship from Home**

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

**Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“Morning Has Broken”*

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 #195 PH (vs. 1, 4,5) *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
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Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
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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

Psalm 30, NCH p. 639 Psalm 30

A Reading from the New Testament Acts 9:1-20

Anthem *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

With Paul Dreisbach, oboe

A Reading from the Gospels John 21:1-19

Message *“The Face We See”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn#547 NCH (vs. 1-3, 5) *“Amazing Grace”*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through Many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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

**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.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**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 #456 NCH “*More Love to You, O Christ”*

More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the prayer I make faith to renew.

Refrain: In all I say and do, more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you alone I seek, give what is best:

Refrain

Then shall my latest breath whisper your praise; This be the parting cry my heart shall raise:

Refrain

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

The Prayer of Invocation is from *Homileticsonline, a subscription service.* Other service prayersare by the Rev. Thom Shuman. The last hymn is from *Worship & Rejoice*, a hymnal from Hope Publishing.