**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit  *“In My Heart”*

Chimes Choir

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:** What do you bring before the Lord this day?
**Many: We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord
One:** What do you seek?
**Many: We seek peace for our weary souls.
One:** You will find it in this place, for this is the house of the Lord.
**Many: Open our hearts and our spirits, O Lord, to hear your words of comfort and peace. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #565 NCH (vs. 1-3) *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on earth be done:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

Prayer of Invocation

**Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.**

Psalm 146, p. 719 NCH Psalm 46

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible 1 Kings 17:8-16

A Reading from the New Testament Hebrews 9:24-28

Sermon *“This Corner of the Realm of God”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn #477 NCH *“Though Falsely Some Revile or Hate”*

Though falsely some revile or hate me, friends forsake me, too,

I will remember Christ’s own word: “I’ll always be with you.”

My path may be hedged up with briars, fierce foes my life surround.

God’s mercy is forever sure, it makes God’s love abound.

Though parched my pastureland become and fears of famine haunt,

My Shepherd leads me all the way; I shall not suffer want.

The brook of Cherith may dry up, the ravens hungry cry,

The Shepherd will God’s servants feed, their every need supply.

In every circumstance of life, God’s power will prevail.

The jar of meal and cruse of oil will never, never fail.

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

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

Prayer Response *“When the Night Becomes Dark”*

Chimes Choir

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“These Hard Times”* Needtobreathe

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

**O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams; our witness to your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change. We offer our gifts and our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*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.

Benediction

Postlude *“Down by the Riverside”*

Musical Consort

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