**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, November 20, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Chimes Choir*

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**:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

**Many: Bow down before him, God’s glory proclaim;**

One: With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,

**Many: Kneel and adore him; the Lord is His name!**

One: Our Help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and Earth. Come, let us worship God!

\*Hymn #257 *“Alleluia, Gracious Jesus”*

Allelua! Gracious Jesus! Yours the scepter, yours the throne!

Alleluia! Yours the triumph, yours the victory alone!

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus, out of every nation you’ve redeemed us by your blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! You are near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received you when the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget your promise, ‘I am with you evermore.’

Alleluia! Bread of angels, you on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,

And the songs that sound in heaven will repeat your gracious plea.

Alleluia! Christ eternal, nothing can disrupt your reign;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, heaven and earth are your domain.

Human life you fully entered, tending those we count the least,

Serving both as Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Let us pray that all God's people may become more like Christ our King. God our Creator, lover of people, you make us recognize our King in Jesus crowned with thorns and enthroned on a cross, as our leader without army or might. With him make us choose love as our only power and humble service as our only greatness. May this be the way his kingdom grows among us, until you lead us to your lasting joy.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A Reading from the Epistles **Colossians 1:11-20**

A Reading from the Gospels **Luke 23:33-43**

Sermon *“*Christ, Reign in Us” Pastor Lisa

Musical Meditation *“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”* Billy James Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken; I'm accepted, You were condemned  
And I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, should die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true and it's my joy to honor You, in all I do, to honor You.

Pastoral Prayer *(sharing of joys and concerns)*

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Anthem *“Above All”* Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the Earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind a stone, You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me—Above all.

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above the heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen**

\*Hymn #302 NCH (vs. 1, 3, 5) *“Eternal Christ, You Rule”*

Eternal Christ, you rule keeping company with pain;

Enduring ridicule, rejected still you reign.

Eternal Christ, you rule taking children by the hand;

The proud return to school; the meek receive the land.

Eternal Christ, you rule keeping company with pain;

With love and truth as tools, come build in us your reign.

Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand