**Worship from Home**

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

**Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit  *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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:** Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Many: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.
One:** God has done great things for us, filling us with grace. **Many: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.
One:** We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us. **All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.**

\*Hymn #28 NCH *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. [Refrain]

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**

Stewardship Moment

Psalm 126, p. 707 NCH Psalm 126

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 6:24-34

Sermon *“Rest in Me”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn Insert *“Seek Ye First”*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness.

Then all these things will be added unto you. Hallelu-hallelujah

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu-hallelujah

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

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

Prayer Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“The Spacious Firmament on High”* Franz J. Haydn

The spa­cious fir­ma­ment on high, with all the blue ethe­re­al sky,
And span­gled hea­vens, a shin­ing frame, their great Orig­in­al pro­claim.
Th’unwearied sun, from day to day, does his cre­at­or’s pow­ers dis­play,
And pub­lishes to every land the work of an al­migh­ty hand.

Soon as the ev­en­ing shades pre­vail the moon takes up the won­drous tale,
And night­ly to the list­en­ing earth repeats the sto­ry of her birth;
While all the stars that round her burn and all the plan­ets in their turn,
Confirm the tid­ings as they roll, and spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in so­lemn si­lence all move round the dark ter­res­tri­al ball?
What though no real voice nor sound amid the ra­di­ant orbs be found?
In rea­son’s ear they all re­joice, and ut­ter forth a glo­ri­ous voice,
Forever sing­ing as they shine, the hand that made us is di­vine.

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

**How can we thank you enough for all you have given us, Lord? We have so much, more than enough to supply all our needs. As we present our tithes and offerings today, make us mindful of the people, especially the children, whose earthly needs we are called to supply. In deepest gratitude, we offer ourselves back to you, for your service. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn #419 NCH *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our parents' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too, our help in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Postlude

\*indicates where you may stand, whether in body or in spirit