**Worship from Home**

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

**All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

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:** The generous love of God abounds.

**Many: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.**

**One:** The unending grace of God surrounds us.

**Many: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.**

**One:** The joy of being a child of God encompasses us. **Many: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.**
**One:** The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours. **All: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God. Come, let us worship and sing our praise!**

*\**Hymn #503 NCH *“O Savior, Let Me Walk With You”*

O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly paths of service free;
Tell me your secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; let me be in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only you can give, with you, O savior, let me live.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Most loving God, you have given us a great multitude of witnesses whose lives have testified to the amazing power of your Son's resurrection. By your presence among us, teach us the truth of life everlasting. Through this day for remembrance of those who have gone before us, grant us inspiration to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Keep us on the way of truth until we, too, join in endless celebration with all your saints in splendor. In the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from the New Testament Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 5:1-12

Message *“Glory Be and the Saints Be Praised!”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn Insert *“Blest Are They”*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God. Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace. They are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice be glad, yours is the kingdom, shine for all to see. Refrain

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**

Unison Prayer of Dedication

**All that we are and all that we have is a gift from your gracious hand, O God. With joy for your presence and gratitude for your grace we bring our tithes and offerings, thankful for the privilege of working in your fields. Bring in an abundant harvest, we pray. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation

Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence and may you be our priority as we look to build your kin-dom. Amen.**

*\**Hymn #539 *“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Won’t you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we’ve seen this journey through.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Postlude

\* indicates where the congregation may stand as they are able.

Our thanks to Hunt Gressitt and Anna Emery for filling in as our church musicians this week while Ann is away on a well deserved vacation!