**Worship from Home**

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

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 12, 2025**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit  *“Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling”*

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:** Let all the earth make a joyful noise in word and music, to you, O God,

**Many: leading your people to freedom, you gave them life.**

**One:** We praise you as the one who strengthens us and gives us life.

**Many: When we are tested and tried, and burdened with care, the promise of your love and grace gives us strength; so,**

**All:** Let the sound of God’s praise be heard!

*\**Hymn #547 NCH *“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.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;

God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord God, please be with us as we strive to do your will. Help us to listen carefully to your scripture and please let it teach us how to love. Prepare us, Creator God, to be remade and rekindled by your Spirit. Where we have put up barriers, teach us to tear them down. Where we have fostered our defenses, please grant us the courage to be vulnerable to the refreshing spirit of change. Help us to know your presence with us in this time of worship. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Psalm #66 p. 662 NCH Psalm 66

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

A Reading from the Epistles 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Anthem *“Psalm 111”* George Emlen

A Reading from the Gospels Luke17:11-19

Message *“Simple Lessons”* Pastor Lisa

*\**Hymn #571 NCH *“O God of Love”*

O God of love, O God of peace, make wares throughout the world to cease;

The wrath of human wrong restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Remember, God, your works of old, the wonders that our people told;

Heal every malice, harm, and pain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust, O God, but you? For you are constant, strong, and true.

None ever called on you in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

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

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

Choral Response *“Hear Our Prayer, O God”*

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

**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 #429 NCH *“God Bless Our Homes”*

God, bless our homes with peace and love and laughter, with understanding and with loyalty.
May we together follow Christ our Savior and know the blessing of community.

May every heart receive God’s loving spirit and know the truth that makes life truly free;
Then, in that spirit may we live united, and find in God our deep security.

Forgive the hurts our selfishness inflicted on those we love and those who love us best.
Christ, heal the scars and draw us all together in God whose will is peace and joy and rest.

O God, in gratitude for homes and loved ones, we open now our hearts to humankind.
Grant us Your spirit--love for all our neighbors-- so in Your peace may we our concord find.

Benediction

Postlude

Leading us in worship today is the Rev. Lisa J. Durkee, our settled pastor. Thanks to our musicians today, including George Emlen on the organ and directing our Gallery Choir.