**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, October 16, 2022**

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 days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant ... it will not be like the old covenant:

**Many: Written on stone.**

**One:** This will be a radically new covenant, my laws will be within you

**Many: Written on hearts.**

**One:** And God added these wonderful words -
**Many: I am your God and you are my people.**

**All:**  Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God, so that we know you in all your fullness, love you as you love us, and worship you as you deserve.

\*Hymn #466 NCH (vs. 1, 2, 4) *“Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes”*

Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes with yearning sights.

Who will provide the help we sorely need? Who hears our cries?

From our Creator comes our certain aid.

Our help is from our God, who all things made.

God will not let our servant feet be moved, safe we will be.

God will supply, for all our nights and days, security.

God does not sleep when we are taking rest.

God’s covenant endures through every test.

From every evil, God will keep our lives, from every sin.

God will preserve and guard our going out, our coming in.

Ever around, within, we will adore

Our God who holds and guides forevermore.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Everlasting God, you chart the course of our lives. You watch over us: to pluck up and break down our errant ways, to build up and plant new possibilities for life in your Spirit. Fulfill your promise to make a new covenant with us. Put your teachings in our very hearts. Be our God, that we may be your people--a people who know you and who keep your ways. Amen**

Children’s Message

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Jeremiah 31:27-34

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 18:1-14

Sermon *“Written on Our Heart”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn *“Near to the Heart of God”*

There is a place of quiet rest Near to the heart of God,

A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,

Hold us who wait before Thee Near to the heart of God

There is a place of comfort sweet Near to the heart of God,

A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God. Refrain

There is a place of full release Near to the heart of God,

A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God Refrain

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *“From this Valley”* The Civil Wars

Chorus: Oh, won't you take me from this valley

to that mountain high above?

I will pray, pray, pray until I see your smiling face.

I will pray, pray, pray to the one I love.

\*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 **(Moira Laidlaw)**

We offer these gifts, O God, as proof that we remember all your benefits towards us.  May these gifts and the service of our lives benefit others so fully and graciously, that they will know that your love is clearly written on our hearts.  Amen

\*Hymn # 537 *“Christians Rise and Act Your Creed”*

Christian, rise and act your creed;
let your prayer be in your deed;
Seek the right, perform the true,
raise your work and life anew.

Hearts around you sink with care,
you can help their load to bear;
You can bring inspiring light,
strengthen them to do the right.

Offer others hope and joy,
and God's worship your employ;
Giving thanks in humble zeal,
learning all God's will to feel.

Come then, law divine, and reign;
faith that doubt assails in vain,
Perfect love bereft of fear,
born in heaven and radiant here.

Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand