**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, October 27, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *“O Come to Me, You Weary”*

“O come to me, you weary, and I will give you rest.”

The blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,

of joy that has no ending, of love which does not cease.

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:** God’s beauty is in the sun and rain, the clouds and snow and wind—
**Many: Open our eyes, that we might see You, Creator God.**
**One:** God’s voice is in the cries of the prophets, the cries of the poor and the oppressed—
**Many: Open our ears, that we might hear You, Creator God.**
**One:** God’s work is active in our world, in justice and peace and reconciliation—
**Many: Open our hands, that we might serve You, Creator God.**
**One:** God’s love is found where children play, where people pray, where two or three are gathered—
**Many:  Open our hearts, that we might love You, Creator God.**
**One:**  Come, taste and see that the Lord is good! Come and worship our Creator!

\*Hymn #579 NCH *“Great God of Earth and Heaven”*

Great God of earth and heaven whose Spirit is our breath,

At Christmastime born human, at Easter shared our death.

All generous, all loving, in whom all beauty thrives—

Forgive your sons and daughters the comfort of our lives.

While refugees go homeless and die before they live,

While children have no future—our apathy forgive!

Where hope fades to depression, despair erodes the soul,

Restore in us a passion to make the broken whole.

Where hunger kills your people, in justice cries aloud,

While weapons grow more lethal and only power stands proud—

God of our flesh and fiber, whose mercy does not cease,

Implant your mind within us, create a world for peace!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Loving God, we come to pray and praise, to meditate and be mindful. Open our minds to new understandings, and our hearts to new people. Call us out of comfort, out of our fear of change, and into a sense of wonder and amazement at the world You created that keeps renewing around us. Guide our feet onto Your path into the world, so that we might learn how best to love one another, how best to live with one another, and how best to do Your work in our world. Renew in us the wonder and amazement of being Your children, here on earth, sent to do Your work. Call us into the world, loving Parent, loving God, loving Mother and Father of us all. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Psalm 34, p. 644 NCH Psalm 34:1-8; 18-22

A Reading from The Gospels Mark 10:46-52

Sermon *“Cheer Up! On Your Feet! He’s Calling You!”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn #410 NCH *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful hearth through all your ways,

You will find strength, with God beside you, to bear the worst of evil days;

For those who trust God’s changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

Only be still, and wait God’s pleasure in cheerful hope, with heart content,

Trusting that grace which knows no measure will by unbounded Love be sent;

Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God’s ways unswerving; offer your serviced faithfully,

And trust God’s word, though undeserving, there find the truth to set you free;

God will not fail to guide and bless those who embrace God’s faithfulness.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory *“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”*

O splendor of God’s glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,

O light of light, light’s living spring, O day of days, illumining.

O true Sun, fiery star, let fall perpetual brilliance on us all;

The Holy Spirit’s radiant beam upon our earthly senses stream.

Make holy this and every day; led modesty greet morning’s ray;

And faithful love, the noonday light, and hope, the sunset calm and bright.

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 (From David von Schlichten)

**Accept this portion of our harvest, that it may be a blessing to those in need. May we also be a blessing to others in our words and deeds—these, too, we offer to you, in Christ’s name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #474 NCH *“I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”*

I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me,

I’m so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Benediction

Postlude

Our morning prayers are from Mindi Weldon-Mitchell of the American Baptist Church.