**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost, October 30, 2022**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

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:** How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned?  
**Many: Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God’s loving presence to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.****One:** Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God’s abiding presence.  
**Many: It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.  
One:**  Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.  
**Many: Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be praising God for all God’s mercies. AMEN.**

\*Hymn #230 NCH (vs. 1-3) *“Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God has brought all Israel into joy from sadness.  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Spring has dawned on earth today; Christ has burst from prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death as the sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins, long and gray, is flying  
From the light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the joyous season, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.**

Children’s Message

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Psalm 32:1-7

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 19:1-10

Sermon *“Missing the Mark on the Way to Dinner”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn #459 NCH *“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, O fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God’s unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at ever turning, God will guide me safely home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to yyou.

Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I’ve known:   
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *“Change My Heart”*

Ann Boudreaux and Sarah Schneider

\*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 (from Carol Penner)

**We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus` name, Amen.**

\*Hymn #473 *“Blessed Assurance”*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. (x2)*

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;

Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God’s goodness, lost in Christ’s love.

*Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand