**Worship from Home**

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

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost, October 9, 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:** I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**Many: In the company of the upright, in the congregation, I will praise the Lord's name.**

**One:** Great are the works of the Lord. They are full of honor and majesty. They are studied by all who delight in Him.

**Many: God's righteousness endures forever. The works of his hands are faithful and just. All his precepts are trustworthy.**

**All:** They are established for all time and are to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

\*Hymn #4 NCH *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

*Joyful, Joyful, we adore You, God of glory, God of love;*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;*

*Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you, party and heaven reflect your rays,*

*Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.*

*You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,*

*Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Loving spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;*

*Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;*

*Boundless love is reigning o’er us, reconciling race and clan.*

*Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,*

*Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.*

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Almighty God, source of every blessing, Your generous goodness comes to us anew every day and the hand of Your loving kindness powerfully, yet gently guides all the moments of our life. As we render you the worship you so greatly deserve this morning, we pray that your Spirit will lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. Indeed, be with us and help us to rejoice in your presence and to be the people you created us to be - through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Children’s Message

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

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 17:11-19

Sermon *“Thanks in a Foreign Land”* Pastor Lisa

\*Hymn 147 *“*How Great Thou Art*”*

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder*

*Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,*

*I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,*

*Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander*

*And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,*

*When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,*

*And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,*

*Sent Him to dies, I scarce can take it in;*

*That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,*

*He bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,*

*And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!*

*Then I shall bow in humble adoration*

*And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!*

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *Lead us from Death to Life*

\*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 Heather Moody)

**Gracious God, we offer our gifts as an act of extravagant faith. Bless this offering, that it might be a witness to your realm of forgiveness, justice and healing. May this act of sharing embolden us to show great generosity throughout the coming week. In your many names we pray, Amen.**

\*Hymn #269 NCH *“Sweet Delight, Most Lovely”*

*Sweet delight, most lovely, shining, faithful friend in love and grief,*

*Holy Spirit, all divining, ever with us, our relief:*

*As the rainfall come, descending, wash and bless us with your grace;*

*All creation comprehending, sanctify our human race.*

*Wise and careful, you have counted each electron, all the sands.*

*All-embracing, you have bounded space and time in your kind hands.*

*Source of life and every blessing, come in answer to our prayer—*

*As you came, our sin redressing, came to save us from despair.*

*When I fail you, please exhort me to return to righteous ways.*

*When I stagger, please support me through the long and painful ways.*

*Save me, hold me, ever steady, now in life as after death:*

*Consolation, ever ready, everlasting, vital breath.*

Benediction

Postlude

\*Indicates that those who are able may stand