**Worship from Home**

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

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, September 18, 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:**  Praise the Lord! Give praise, oh servants of the Lord

**Many: Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore**.

**One:** From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Many: Praise the Lord who is high above all nations; whose glory is above the heavens.**

Hymn #418 NCH *“My Faith It is an Oaken Staff”*

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler’s well-loved aid;  
My faith, it is a song of trust, sustains me undismayed,  
  
I’ll travel on, and still be stirred by silent thought or social word;  
By all my perils undeterred, a pilgrim unafraid.

My guide is Jesus Christ whose steps, when travelers have trod,  
Whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,  
They carried on, their joy unspent, through pain and trial they onward went,  
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.

My faith, it is an oaken staff, o let me on it lean!  
My faith provides the ground of hope, supports a purpose keen!  
Your Spirit, God, upon me send, that I may be what you intend.  
With patient courage, we’ll contend as radiant saints serene.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Loving and Gracious God, bless us with new strength and wisdom so that we might live up to your calling. We know that there are forces in this world committed to destruction, but we also know that there is an even greater force in this universe committed to love and eternal life. Help us turn to you and to abide in you. Grant that the power that raised Jesus from the dead may also be in us and that we may be a people like him in every way. We thank you for giving a living hope to us and to our world. Praise and glory be to you, both now and forever. Amen.**

Stewardship Moment

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible Psalm 113

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Sermon *“Lifting Up Holy Hands”* Pastor Lisa

Hymn #282 NCH *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

*Refrain*: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine. *Refrain*

Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.

There’s only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Response

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *“The Lord’s Prayer”*   
Paul McNulty

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

**Receive, O God, all that we offer to you at this time: these tithes and gifts, our hearts and our minds, our words and actions. Sanctify them and use them in your service. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen**

Hymn #571 NCH  *“O God of Love, O God of Peace”*

O God of love, O King of peace, make wars 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.

Benediction

Postlude