

Worship from Home
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC
Sunday, August 8, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 130 and John 6:31)*

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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

Many: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

One: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Many: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

One: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits.

Many: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

One: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

Many: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

*Hymn *“Graced with Garments of Great Gladness”*

Graced with garments of great gladness,
I shall leave the depths of sadness,
Enter into glory’s splendor,
there with joy my praises render
To the One whose grace unbounded
has this wondrous banquet founded.
Sing my soul, your story telling:
Christ eternal in me dwelling.

Brightness, that my life so brightens,
Light, that all my soul enlightens,

Joy, that joins my heart in knowing,
Fount, that is all being flowing,
At your name I cry, 'My Maker!'
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good through Jesus given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray you,
let me gladly here obey you,
To your table here invited
Be your love by love requited.
From this banquet let me measure,
oh, how vast, how deep its treasure.
Through the mercies that you give me
as your own in heaven receive me.

Unison Prayer Of Invocation

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may we be one with you. Amen.

Children's Message

A Reading from the New Testament *Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2* - David Nason

A Reading from the Gospels *John 6:35-51* - David Nason

Sermon *"It's Not Quick Bread"* - Pastor Lisa

*Hymn *"Children of God"*

Children of God, lift hearts to one another!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

For God whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:

the holier worship which Christ deigns to bless
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,
and feeds the widow and the parentless.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
of Christ whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem a holy temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory "*Robinson*" by Nancy M. René

*Prayer of Dedication

**God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts. May they be pleasing
in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*Hymn "Blest Are They"

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
They shall see God.

Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom.
Shine for all to see.

Refrain

*Benediction

Postlude ""

***Some of our morning prayers come from UCC Worship Ways.*