

Worship from Home
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC
Sunday, August 15, 2021

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 your spirit.

One: Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

Many: How can we discover such wisdom?

One: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God's will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

Many: May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs! We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music from our hearts.

One: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

All: Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy. Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

Hymn *"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"*

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
fount of our lives, and light of all:
From every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you plead with all to call on you;
To those still seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, life is new.

We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountainhead;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn,
where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay!
Make all our moments calm and bright!
Oh, chase the cloud of sin away!
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(From Ministry Matters)*

O Lord our God, though we are as little children, not fully able to discern the spiritual forces coming in and out of our lives, you have chosen us as your people. Give your servants understanding minds to discern between the good and evil surrounding us each day, that we may choose what is good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Lessons

- *Pastor Lisa*

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon

"Nourished by Wisdom"

- *Pastor Lisa*

Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.
Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.

Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

Offertory *"In Solitude" by Ruth Duck*

Whene'er the world is troubling me, and stress is all around,
I seek the presence of my God, and healing light is found.

And when my heart is burdened down with cares for those I love,
Too deep for words, with groans and sighs, descends the holy dove.

Prayer of Dedication (*from Moira Laidlaw*)

Eternal God, we have praised you in melody and song, giving thanks for all that you have given to us - far more than the riches and honor and understanding that Solomon received. For you gave us the gift of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Accept and bless these gifts and our lives as we offer them as our grateful response. May our lives be devoted to giving thanks to you. Amen

Hymn *"I Will Trust in the Lord"*

I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord.
I will trust in the Lord until I die. (x2)

I'm goin' to treat everybody right.
I'm goin' to treat everybody right.
I'm goin' to treat everybody right until I die. (x2)

Benediction

Postlude