

**Worship from Home**  
**First Congregational Church of Blue Hill**  
**June 27, 2021**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude                    *"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens"*                    - the Chimes Choir

Call to Worship (*from Beth Merrill Neel*)

**One:** Children of God, welcome!

**Many: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance,

**Many: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news;

**Many: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

**All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

\*Hymn                    *"Out of the Depths"*

Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.

Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.

Facing our lives, we need your love so much.

Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

Out of the depths of fear, O God we speak.

Breaking of the silences, the searing truth we seek.

Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.

Here in this community hold us in your care.

God of the loving heart, we praise your name.

Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.

Your light illumines each familiar face.

Here in this community meet us with your grace.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**O God, you have set this day before us, a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.  
You have set our lives before us, a span of years in which we love, and learn,  
and serve. You have set your seal upon our hearts, so that we might live fully in**

**deep love for all creation. For all these things, we give you thanks and praise.  
Amen.**

### Children's Message

#### A Reading from The Hebrew Bible *from Psalm 27*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong; and let your heart take courage!

#### Gospel Reading *Mark 5:21-43*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon                    *"Wake Up!"*

\*Hymn                    *"Christ the Healer"*

O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed.  
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to Give

## Offertory

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Accept these gifts we offer, gracious God. We dedicate this offering to you, the giver of all good gifts, and pray that it would be a scattering of seeds in good and fertile soil. Use both the work of our hands and the giving of our resources, so that the good news of your love may bloom and its roots grow deep, both in this place, and throughout the world. Amen.

### \*Hymn *"Immortal Love"*

Immortal Love, forever full, forever flowing free,  
Forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea!

Our outward lips confess the Name all other names above;  
Love only knows from where it came and comprehends God's love.

The healing of Christ's seamless dress still soothes our beds of pain;  
We touch it in life's throng and press, and we are whole again.

### \*Benediction

## Postlude