

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WORSHIP FROM HOME

First Congregational Church of Blue Hill, UCC

September 6, 2020

GATHERING AND WELCOME

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 103)

Leader: With all that is within us, let us bless God.

People: Who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases.

Leader: Who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, with great gentleness and care you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be with us today in our worship. We need your love transforming our lives in hope. You have called us into communion with you, yet so often we confess we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you and of responding to your call to us in Christ Jesus to be your people and to share your love, forgiveness and grace with others. Grant us courage to follow the truth you make known to us and to live in your light. Amen!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and can live in peace. Amen!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91: 1 - 6, 9 - 16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
My God in whom I trust."

For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the deadly pestilence,
God will cover you with his pinions,
and under God's wings you will find refuge;
God's faithfulness is a shield and a buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
The Most High your dwelling place,
No evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For God will command God's angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SERMON "Amen and Amen!"

A TIME OF SHARING

CHORAL OFFERING "You Are Mine"

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Choral Affirmation: "Sanctus" (Seraphic Hymn)

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of Heavenly host;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

[The prayer continues]

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE SUPPER

CHORAL RESPONSE

BLESSING AND SENDING

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE