

Worship from Home
First Congregational Church of Blue Hill
June 20, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

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

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: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

Many: How good it is to worship together in unity!

One: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

Many: How good it is to worship together in unity!

One: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

All: How good it is to worship together in unity!

*Hymn *"The Body is One"*

*Refrain: The body is one, the members are many,
Created are we no two the same.
Yet there is one true God we serve.*

*Many are the blessings we behold here among our sisters and our brothers.
Celebrate the God who makes us one, celebrate the gifts, the gifts that
make us other.*

*Many are the gifts that God bestows, talents to be multiplied not hidden.
Drive the fear of failure from our hearts. Set us free in joy, in joy to do love's
bidding.*

*In the shadow of the empty cross we are all refreshed renewed, forgiven.
"Take my yoke upon you," Jesus said. Love will give us strength, the
strength for any burden.*

Unison Prayer of Invocation

You have brought us, O God, to another Sabbath, when we are privileged to worship you with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of mind and heart as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. As your

love grows within us, may we have rich fellowship with you and with one another. In Christ's name. Amen.

Children's Message

A Reading from The Hebrew Bible *Job 38*

¹ Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ² "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸ "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'? ¹² "Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, ¹³ that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? ¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment. ¹⁵ The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken. ¹⁶ "Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this. ¹⁹ "What is the way to the abode of light? And where does darkness reside? ²⁰ Can you take them to their places? Do you know the paths to their dwellings? ²¹ Surely you know, for you were already born! You have lived so many years! ²² "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of the hail, ²³ which I reserve for times of trouble, for days of war and battle? ²⁴ What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? ²⁵ Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm, ²⁶ to water a land where no one lives, an uninhabited desert, ²⁷ to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass? ²⁸ Does the rain have a father? Who fathers the drops of dew? ²⁹ From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens ³⁰ when the waters become hard as stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen? ³¹ "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion's belt?

