

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

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**April 12, 2020**

**Easter Sunday**

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**OPENING FANFARE** - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rich: Christ has Risen!

**Gail: Christ has Risen indeed!**

Rich: We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

**Gail: The tomb is empty, death is not the last word.**

Rich: This is the day that our God has made.

**Gail: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Everyone will be muted except Sandy who will play one verse, so you can sing along while she plays or just listen.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Al-le-lu-ia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

### UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

God of such amazing surprises as to put a catch in our breath and wings on our hearts, we praise you for this joy too great for words, but not for tears and songs and sharing; for this mercy that blots out our betrayals and bids us begin again, to limp on, to hop-skip-and jump on, to mend what is broken in and around us and to forgive the breakers; for this YES to life and laughter, to love and lovers, and to our unwinding selves; for this kingdom unleashed in us and we in it forever; and no dead ends to growing, to choices, to chances, to calls to be just; no dead ends to living, to making peace,

to dreaming dreams, to being glad of heart; for this resurrection madness which is wiser than we are, and in which we see how loving you are and how full of grace. Amen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** - Carl Colossians 3: 1-4

## COMMUNITY MOMENT

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

**PRAYER RESPONSE** - Sandy "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Tina Luke 24: 1-12

**MESSAGE** "Resurrections: Large and Small" – Rich Fournier

**MUSICAL SELECTION** - Shelly Roberts

## BENEDICTION

**"God Be with You 'til We Meet Again"** - Doug

## TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

