

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sandy Carter - Organist

April 19, 2020 - Easter 2

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from I John 3)

Rich: Beloved, we are God's children now, enveloped in God's love;

Jill: What we will become has not yet fully manifested.

Rich: But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be Christlike.

Jill: For now we see as in a glass darkly, but then face to face. Amen.

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"

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

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth her song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

(adapted from Bruce Sanguin)

O Holy One, how quickly we slip back into conformance to this world; Easter happened last weekend, and already we're living off leftovers. We have returned to our routines, and locked ourselves into familiar patterns as the disciples locked themselves behind

closed doors. It is good news indeed that there is no hiding from the Risen One. He comes as Destiny's servant, walking through walls of fear, breathing the fire of the Holy Spirit into our hesitant hearts and offering us a peace which surpasses all understanding: the peace of renewed purpose, of a blessed unrest, of realizing that the Easter story is about our own resurrection after all, and that there is work to do: proclaiming God's love, healing the brokenhearted, speaking out for creation, and above all, opening to the evolving push and pull of Spirit's call. O Risen One, breathe on us, set us on fire and send us out, that we might rise from our graves of fear and go forth boldly as your Easter people. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Ken Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43

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 - Bunny "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

SCRIPTURE READING - Anita John 20: 19-31

MESSAGE "Peace Be with You" – Rich Fournier

MUSICAL SELECTION - Willis Family

BENEDICTION

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

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

