

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor
Sandy Carter - Organist
Melissa Griffin - Trumpeter

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Mother's' Day
May 10, 2020

"Kind hearts are the garden. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are the flowers. Kind deeds are the fruit!"

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. (contributed by Cyndie)

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We have gathered in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and name.

Penny: We come in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our family and community.

Pastor: We come in the prayer that the peace of God may permeate the life of the human family.

Penny: May the love of Christ fill our hearts, our lives, and our world, to the glory of God. Amen

HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

(Everyone will be muted except the Willis family, who will play/sing three verses, so you can sing along or just listen.)

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.

Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

O God, You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. Teach us to have the eyes, hearts and souls to seek You in unexpected places and times. You are the pinch of leaven and the hidden heaven in every encounter we experience. Let it unfold before us and in us so that we may savor the feeling of being enveloped by your spirit and love. And yes, we will never stop looking for you in the sunlight and the shadows, and the faces we see, both old and new....That's just the way it is. The earth is filled with the glory of God. So let us glory in God's story. And pass it on. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Gail 1 Peter 2: 1-10

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 - Betsey "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Bruce John 14: 1-14

MESSAGE "Absence and Presence" – Rich Fournier

MUSICAL SELECTION - Willis family "Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus"

BENEDICTION

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

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

