

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor
Sandy Carter - Organist
Melissa Griffin - Trumpeter
Seventh Sunday of Easter - Memorial Day Weekend
May 24, 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:

Jill: Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another."

Pat: We come to worship our God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

Jill: Jesus said: "No longer do I call you servants, but now I call you my friends."

Pat: We come to worship God, whose friends we are through Christ.

Jill: We gather as a community of friends with open hearts.

Pat: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship toward the human family through the Christ Spirit. Amen

HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

(Everyone will be muted except for Sandy who will play two verses, so you can sing along or just listen.)

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

God of life, who bears changes within our souls like the flowing of the tides, we ask your gracious presence with us. We your children call upon you and ask that you hear us. We, who have known hurt and healing, the

agony of losses and the sheer pleasure of reunion and celebration, ask you to be with us now. Help us to feel the steady rhythm of your presence from deep within us. Help us sense the gathering of your body all around us. Share your life with us, for we need you, and we know how different life can be when your spirit can fill us with your powerful and creative love. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Janet Acts 1: 6-14

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"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Bunny John 17: 1-11

MESSAGE "Jesus Prays and Prepares the disciples and us for Pentecost" – Rich Fournier

MUSICAL SELECTION -

BENEDICTION

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

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP