

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

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Melissa Griffin - Trumpeter

June 7, 2020 - Communion Sunday

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Ken: The Holy Spirit has given us life and the power to become new people.

Helen: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath, and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Ken: We come in expectancy, ready for the surprises the Spirit will bring.

Helen: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.

HYMN "God of Our Fathers" (Everyone will be muted except the Willis Family who will play/sing four verses, so you can sing along or just listen.)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

Dear God of justice and peace, we ask once more for your tongues of fire to preserve us from the fires of our own tongues. Consume our hatreds

lest they consume us, and by the power of your presence check all unbridled expression of our own power. Give us patience, wisdom, and hearts so engulfed by your grace that we will speak with restraint and listen with compassion. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our common lives so that we may be known for our readiness to bear one another's burdens, our readiness to seek and serve the cause of justice, and witness with integrity our concern for peace. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Jill Psalm 46

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 - the Willis Family "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Anita John 4: 19-26

MESSAGE "Of Spirit and Soul" – Rich Fournier

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Rich

We thank you God for renewing and refreshing us with this sacred feast, blessing this food and our time together. As you have guided us in the past, so lead us in the days ahead. Send us forth now, we pray, filled with hope, reminded that we are one family, who carry forward with us the best we can of the ways of the Christ Spirit. Amen

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" - Doug

BENEDICTION - Rich

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP