

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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June 21, 2020
Pentecost 3 - Father's Day

*"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light
whose love shows us the way" unknown*

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bunny: We gather this morning for worship, tender with personal concerns and brittle with the bruising of the world.

Helen: **We come searching for meaning and hungry for peace.**

Bunny: We pray from personal longing and for all God's children; we share our hopes and doubts; we offer gifts and celebrate healing.

Helen: **May we receive God's unexpected blessings, rise and shine in God's light, and taste and share God's love. Amen**

MUSICAL SELECTION: Cyndie Stetson - "Lean On Me"

This song was first released in April of 1972 by American singer-song writer, Bill Withers who missed his home town in West Virginia after he moved to Los Angeles. He recently passed, April of this year. Its meaning is "If you lean on someone or lean upon them, you depend on them for support and encouragement." Today, "Lean on Me" is being sung by many musicians singing their own versions to support health workers and each other during the Coronavirus situation.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

We give you thanks, Gentle One, who has touched our souls. You have loved us from the moment of our first waking and have held us in joy and in grief. Stay with us, we pray. Grace us with your presence and with it, the fullness of our own humanity. Help us claim our strength and need, our possibilities and fragile beauty, that encouraged by the truth and empowered by the Spirit we might work to restore compassion to the human family and renew the face of the earth with a smile. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Evelyn Genesis 18: 1-15

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 - Anita "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Carl Hebrews 13: 1-3, 5-6

MESSAGE "Transforming Hearts from Hostility to Hospitality" – Rich

MUSICAL SELECTION: Jody Scalise - "Let Your Love Shine"

BENEDICTION

"God Be with You 'til We Meet Again" - Sandy and Anita

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP