

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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"As you enter the unknown future, you may need faith to meet its challenges. A faith that can move mountains, a hope that keeps you going, and above all love which keeps all relationships well-oiled."

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pat: O God, we come before you with open hearts and ears.

Jill: Please speak to us your life-giving word in these bewildering times.

Pat: Speak through our silence and worship, our singing and praying; spark in us the spirit of oneness.

Jill: There is nothing that does not contain your spark ready to be kindled to abundant life and love.

Pat: So this morning, whether we are in the physical church or a "virtual church" help us to know that we are **church** when we are together in oneness with the Christ Spirit.

Jill: Keep us faithful, patient, trusting, and loving, as together we traverse this wilderness of pandemic, confusion and challenge. We may not know what the future holds right now -but we know WHO holds the future – God. Amen

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" Betsey, Judy, Anita & Sandy
(mute yourself and sing along or just listen)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

O Ingenious God, we rejoice in your creation, and pray that your Spirit enters us so deeply that we will find a sense of self which makes us glad to be who we are, and yet restless at being anything less than what we can truly become. Give us a simplicity of vision in these complicated times. Make us clear enough not to mistake busyness for freedom; honest enough to realize that not all change is transformation; brave enough to not sing all our songs in private; compassionate enough to get in trouble; humble enough to admit trouble and ask for help; joyful enough to celebrate all of it, ourselves, others and You, through Jesus the Christ. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Bruce Habakkuk 2: 1-4

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 - Janet 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

MESSAGE "The Center that Holds" – Rich

SONG: "It Only Takes a Spark" - Betsey, Judy, Anita & Sandy

BENEDICTION

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

