

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization." Mahatma Gandhi

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Anita: Dear God, renew in us the noble vision held at the founding of our country, that all people are created equal and have rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Judy: Instill in us once again the ideal that we can become beacons of light, and love, and compassion in a world gone awry.

Anita: Send your Christ Spirit upon the people of this nation and all nations, so that together we can strengthen the knowledge and awareness of our interdependence and dispel the illusion of complete independence.

Judy: Make of us all a people of one soul and spirit on this one precious planet. Amen

PATRIOTIC MUSICAL SELECTION

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

Living, loving God, as with each breath we have need of you, remind us that we have need of one another; that we have need of a great vision that this marvelous, chaotic, dreaming America becomes true in our life and living; that we have a need to forgive one another because we are human beings, not gods; that we have a need to respect all persons. Therefore, daily and hourly let your Spirit spread among the various peoples of this land, continuing us always in that unity of life that arises out of patience with one another's differences and out of concern to enact generously whatever advances the common good. And unto you, O God, be praise and thanksgiving, for you are our Source and our destiny. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Ken Psalm 145: 8-14

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 - Judy "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Floyd Isaiah 2:1-4

MESSAGE "Exploring the Soul of America" – Rich Fournier

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Rich

Blessed are you, O God, for teaching us, in Christ, that sharing is the greatest form of learning, and love of others is Wisdom itself. Knowing this makes all that we study and experience meaningful and real. Help us to draw strength from the meal we have shared today, and bring its joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of the Christ, our brother, who is with us all days until the end of time. Amen

SONG: "Peace Be With You"- Betsey, Judy, Anita and Sandy

BENEDICTION - Rich

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP