

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**July 12, 2020**  
**Pentecost 6**

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*"You plant seeds every single day, in the world and in others, with every thought you think and word you speak and action you take. You have influence. You're making a dent in the universe and you matter, in a very real way." Jennifer Williamson*

**OPENING FANFARE** - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

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

Helen: Please speak to us, and through us, your life-giving word.

**Pat: Speak through our silence and worship, our singing and praying, our greetings and highest hopes.**

Helen: There is nothing that does not contain your Word, your invitation to abundant life and love.

**Pat: So this morning, in July, since we must not touch one another, may the extraordinary depth of your love touch us now and forever.**

Helen: And lead us into the timeless Now of your presence in our lives.

**HYMN:** "We Plow the Fields, and Scatter" (Everyone will be muted except Sandy who will play two verses, so you can sing along while she plays or just listen.)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

\* All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;

\* Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the Maker of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread. (Repeat \*)

## **UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** - Rich

Holy One, Holy Oneness, from the depths of your holiness call us to be whole, and wherever we are remind us that we are on holy ground. Renew our minds and bodies to be fresh and vital as morning light, and grant us peace within, as deep as the starry night. Awaken us to the task of becoming beautiful in spirit, mind, and heart, and so in face, that our gifts be worthy of your grace. Empower us to dare to be compassionate that your dreams for our humanity come true; to be imaginative that your kingdom come in and through us, to be disciplined yet flexible that we may prepare the way for you in our hearts and in your world. Amen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** - Evelyn                      Isaiah 55: 10-13

## **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** - Cyndie                      Mark 4: 26-34

**MESSAGE** "Seeds, Soil, Soul" – Rich

**MUSICAL SELECTION:** "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" - various choir members

## **BENEDICTION**

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

## **TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

*"Plant seeds of happiness, hope, success, and love; it will all come back to you in abundance. This is the law of nature."*

*Steve Maraboli*

