

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sandy Carter - Organist
July 26, 2020 - Pentecost 8

*"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*

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pat: God calls us out of isolation into a life in community,

**Helen: Worshipping together, caring about one another, we
find out what it means to be truly human.**

Pat: These are times of testing and challenge, and like Jacob we
have dreams that expand us, and wrestlings in the night with the
divine.

**Helen: But in these times, and in this place of our togetherness and
our covenant of connection, we shall grow and mature as
God-centered people. Amen**

HYMN: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" - various choir members

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

Spirit of the living God, be the Gardener of our souls. For often we have
forgotten how to tend the seed of Spirit within us. But now, in the loving
name of Jesus Christ, we dare to ask: Clear away the dead growth of the
past, break up the hard clods of custom and routine, stir in the rich
compost of vision and challenge, bury deep in our souls your implanted
Word, cultivate and water and tend our hearts, until new life buds and
opens and flowers. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Bruce Genesis 28: 10-19

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 - "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING - Ken Genesis 28: 10-19

MESSAGE "Learning from Jacob" – Rich

HYMN: "Nearer, My God, to You" - various choir members

Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.
I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do
and pray each day anew; nearer my God, to you,
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

When I am wandering as Jacob did,
and in the deepest night the path is hid,
my dreams will bring me, too, nearer my God, to you,
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Let Jacob's ladder fill the sky above,
and angels carry down the faith and love
to keep this goal in view: nearer my God, to you,
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

Then, waking from the night to morning air
by Bethel's stone, I'll know you heard my prayer,
and how my yearning grew: nearer my God, to you,
nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

BENEDICTION

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

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

