

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor
Sandy Carter - Organist
August 2, 2020 - Pentecost 9

*"Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death."
Dr. Moses Simuyemba*

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Helen S.: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

Pat: In faith, we seek to follow Christ in our lives.

Helen S.: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which
God calls us in this age.

**Pat: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in the
Christ-Spirit. Amen**

SONG: "Fill My Cup, Lord" - choir members

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

Dear God, once again we gather together to worship You in a way that's unfamiliar and at times unsettling. Let not this potent pandemic lead us into pandemonium. Help us to remember who we really are as a covenant community with strong life-lines binding us with one another. We've known joy and sorrow, times of crises and times of peace, and through it all have persevered in our togetherness with faith and hope and love. Continue to bless us with your presence, to guide us and inspire us to find the best way forward to the fullness of life and community that the Christ-Spirit intends for us all. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Anita Ephesians 4: 1-7

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" - choir members

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SCRIPTURE READING - Floyd Genesis 49: 1-2, 22-26

MESSAGE "From Jacob to Joseph to Jesus" – Rich Fournier

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Rich

We thank You, O God, for bringing us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of the Christ-Spirit, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen

SONG: "A Blessing of Grace" - choir members

Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Savior,
learn of the Lord and know His ways.
Sing the wondrous story, tell of all His glory
for Christ is worthy of all praise.

Grow in His love and let His peace surround you,
let His light astound you ev'ry day.
Know He walks beside us, like a shepherd guides us,
He guides our journey all the way.

Grow in grace, grow in love.
Let the light of Christ shine through you ev'ry day.
Grow in grace, grow in love.
Give your heart and life to Jesus, grow in grace.
Give your heart to Jesus, grow in grace. Grow in grace.

BENEDICTION - Rich

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

