

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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August 30, 2020 - Pentecost 13

"Love and Self-control are the bookends of the Fruits of the Spirit. Remove one of them and the rest fall over." Joyce Meyer

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.

People: Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

Pastor: The Creator of all seeks our common good.

People: We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor: The God of mercy calls on us to be merciful.

People: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Amen

***HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" No. 372 (vs. 1 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We rejoice for what is ripening and readying within and among us, for selves and lives that exemplify virtue and courage, for relationships worth the continuous and rewarding struggle, for shafts of light spilling into our souls, for humor, hope and love, for compassion and mercy and commitment to justice and peace.

Enable us, by your grace and empowerment to become expanders of life, singers of songs, spreaders of good news, healers of wounds, tellers of truth, weavers of community, and walkers in humility. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Galatians 5: 22-25 page 948

CHOIR ANTHEM

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" No. 585

OFFERTORY (We will not actually take up an offering, however we request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott as you have been doing.)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7: 15-20 page 788

MESSAGE "The Practice and Power of the Fruits of the Spirit" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

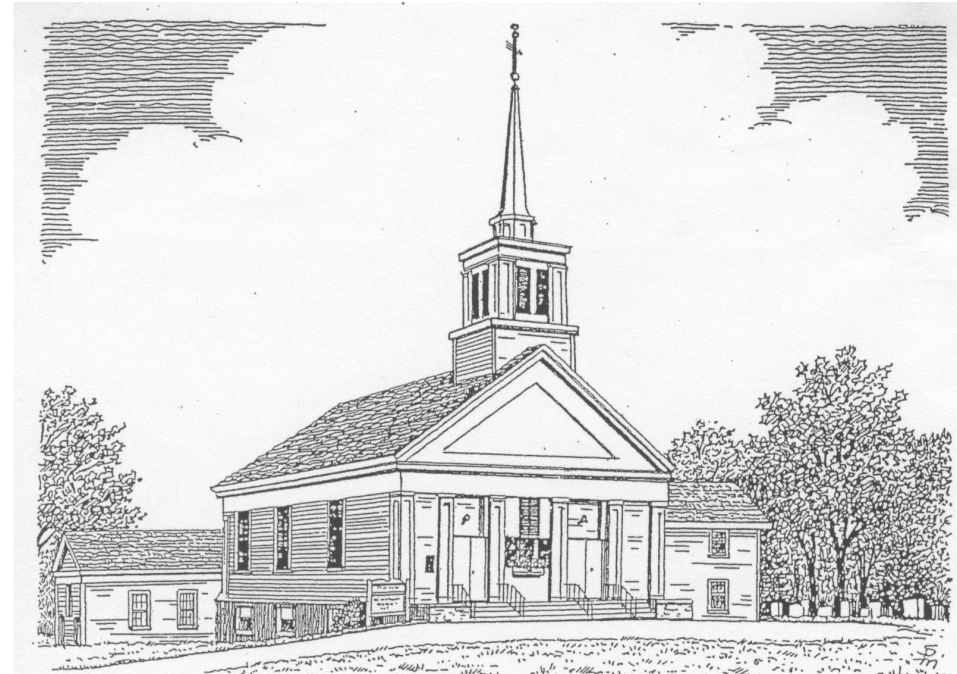
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** - "God Be with You till We Meet Again" No. 42

***POSTLUDE**

*=All who are able, are invited to stand.



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