

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*"If wrinkles must be written on our brows, let them not
be written on the heart. The spirit should never
grow old." James Garfield*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Surely the Presence"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God of the past, who has mothered and fathered us,

People: WE ARE HERE TO THANK YOU.

Pastor: God of the future who is always ahead of us beckoning and
guiding,

People: WE ARE HERE TO TRUST YOU.

Pastor : God of the present, here in the midst of us,

People: WE ARE HERE TO PRAISE YOU.

Pastor: God of life beyond us, within us,

People: WE REJOICE IN YOUR GLORIOUS LOVE.

***HYMN** "God of Our Life, through All the Circling" No. 326

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Shining God, author of light, even darkness is not dark to you.
Shine in our darkness, O light of our lives, even when we walk in
the gray gloom of confusion, when pain drains all the color out of
life, when we are paralyzed by the darkness of fear, help us to
remember that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
shall not overcome it. And empower us to know that when others

are lost in their own darkneses, You give us the strength and
courage to be light for them, and for the world. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13: 12-14 page 934

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 John 21: 18-19 page 884

MESSAGE "The Two Halves of Life" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 219 (vs. 1 & 4)

*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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