

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 20, 2020 - Pentecost 16

*"Grant that I may radiate Thy Light, Thy Love, Thy Healing,
Thy Joy, and Thy Peace to all those in my thoughts, this
day and ever more." Jonathan Lockwood Huie*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Surely the Presence"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: It has been said that each of us has deep within the knowledge of all things;

People: And when we are ready to remember, then the knowledge is there to be known.

Pastor: This is the season of readying, of challenging old beliefs that bind us to the past, and opens us to the depth and beauty of God within.

People: Now is the acceptable time! A new age calls to us to live the wisdom deep within us. Arise and shine for your light has come! Amen

***HYMN** "Walk in the Light!" No. 329

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, thank you for this new day, its beauty and its light. Thank you for our chance to begin again. Free us from the limitations of yesterday. Today may we be reborn. May we become more fully a reflection of your radiance. Give us strength, compassion, courage and wisdom. Show us the light in ourselves and others. May we recognize the good that is available everywhere. May we be this

day instruments of love and healing. Lead us into gentle pastures that restore our souls. Give us deep peace that we may serve you most deeply. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Pastor's Choice

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 Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "Jesus and the Essenes" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Peace in Our Time, O Lord" No. 519 (vs. 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION

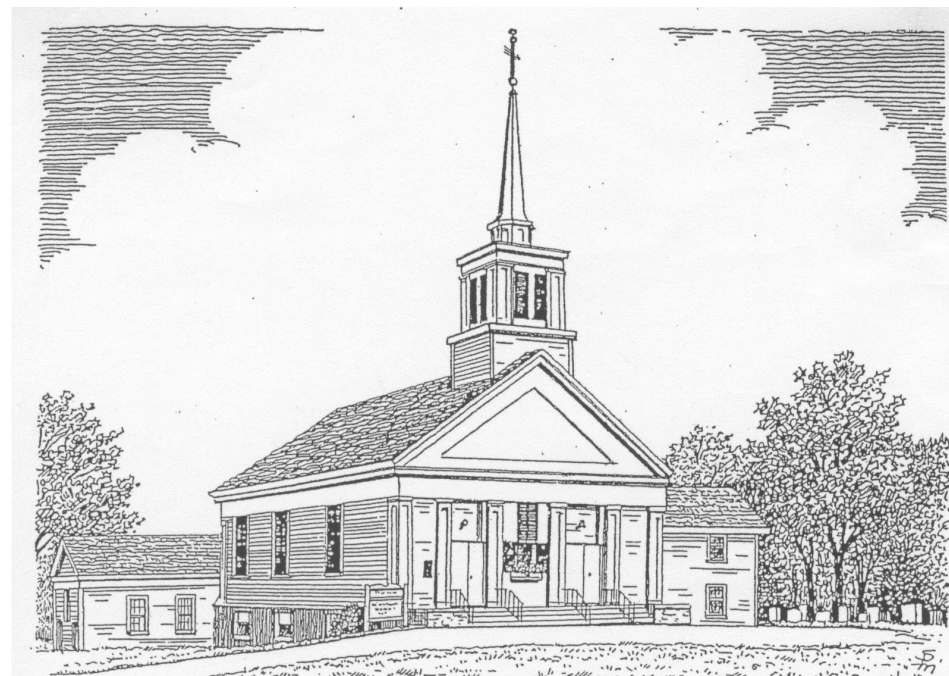
***RESPONSE** - "God Be with You till We Meet Again" No. 42

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

We are excited about plans that we hope will improve our Zoom services through improved technology here at the church. We are in the process of getting internet service installed at the church, so that the Zoom service will be more consistent and reliable. The Building and Finance Committee has approved this endeavor at the request of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee, and a committee has been chosen to work out the details. Because this was not budgeted, and the church does not have the funds to take this on at this time, it must be funded totally by donations. Many folks have already sent in donations in advance to help ensure that WiFi will be available at the church in the near future. If you would like to make a donation to help us install and sustain internet service at the Mary Lyon Church, please send in your donations to Judy Willis at 253 Ashfield Rd., Buckland, MA 01338. Please write: for internet or technology on your check, so your donation will go for this specifically. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help us to make sure that everyone is able to enjoy Sunday morning worship, even if they are not able to attend in person here in the sanctuary.



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