

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 27, 2020

"Listen to the inner light; it will guide you. Listen to the inner peace; it will feed you." Sri Chinmoy

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Surely the Presence"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Unison)

We believe in God's creation around us and in God's presence within us. We believe in the power of the Spirit to create new possibilities and make a way out of no way. We believe in and will participate with the triumph of the Light. God be praised! Amen

***HYMN** "I Would Be True" No. 337 (vs. 1 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, we give this day to You. May our minds stay centered on things of the Spirit. May we not be tempted to stray from love. As we begin this day, we are open to receive You; may our minds and hearts be pure and true. May we see the love and innocence in all people, behind the masks we all wear and the illusions of this worldly plane. We surrender to You our doings this day. We ask only that they serve You and the healing of the world. Make us the people You would have us be. May we bring Your love and goodness wherever we go. Make the world a safer, more beautiful place and bless all your creation. 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 - Part 2" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "More Like Jesus Would I Be" No. 334 (vs. 1 & 2)

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

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

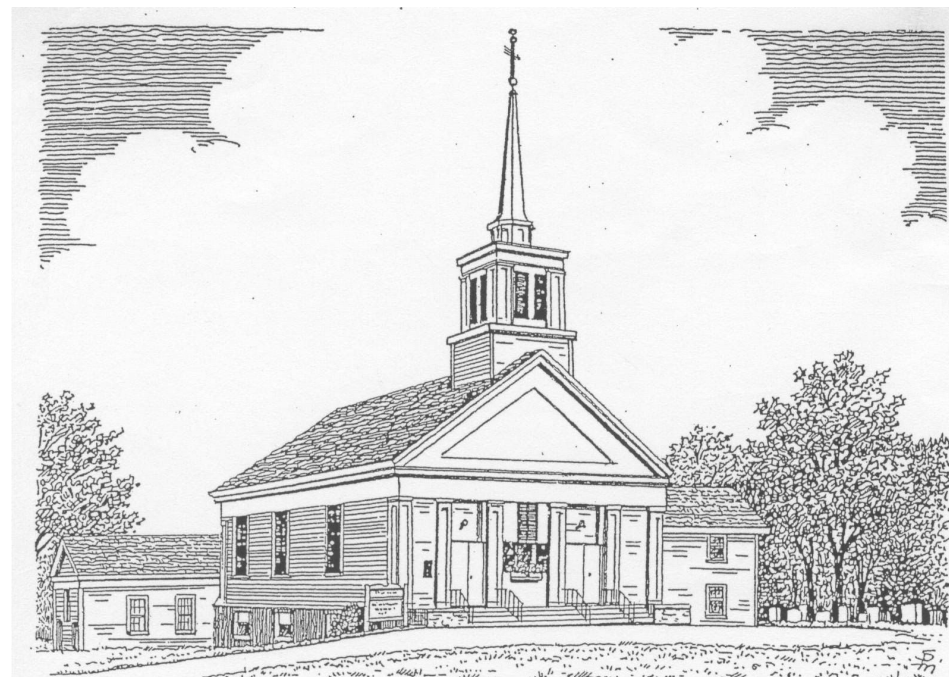
Announcements

Bunny Doneilo and Pat & Tom Clark have provided the lovely flowers for worship this morning. They are in loving memory of their grandchildren, Summer Steele and William Paul Clark. Summer would have turned 13 yesterday, September 26th, and William, who liked to be called by his full name, passed away on September 25th. It has been four years since these two beautiful, young children were taken from us, but they continue to touch the lives of all who knew and loved them.

The cable for the internet here at the church was installed on Tuesday. The date for them to come and complete the connection is October 1st. It is quite possible that the WiFi will be up and running by next Sunday. Thank you to all who have already sent in donations to help fund this.

Next Sunday is World Wide Communion Sunday. We will be observing communion, but will not be passing around the bread and grape juice as usual, due to the Covid. Please bring your own bread or cracker and juice if you wish to participate in taking communion together.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests please call Anita or email them to her by 9:00 P.M. Saturday (413-625-6481 or CandAupright@hotmail.com). She will type them up and give them to Rich to read from the pulpit so everyone at home on Zoom or worshipping in person can hear them. This helps the service to run more smoothly and eliminates having to repeat announcements or prayer requests.



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