

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 4, 2020

World-Wide Communion Sunday

*"God will lead and guide us through each season of our lives.
All seasons are beautiful and give us the opportunity to
embrace change, to shed our old ways, and become renewed
in spirit." Lara Casey*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Jesus Christ, Bread Of Life" - J. Berthed

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O God in whom we live and move and have our being, all our times are in Your hands, and all our beginnings and endings are known to You.

People: **Help us to respond to the challenges and opportunities You offer us, and to grow in faith and trust into the stature and fullness of the Christ Spirit. Amen**

***HYMN** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The sky does it simply, naturally day by day by day. The sun does it joyfully, like someone in love. The sky, the sun, they just can't help themselves. No loud voices, no grand speeches, but everyone sees, and is happy with them. Make us like that, dear God, so that our faith is not in our words but in our lives, not in what we say but in who we are, passing on Your love like an infectious laugh: not

worried, not threatening, just shining like the sun, like a starry night, like a lamp on a stand, light for life – Your light for our lives. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 pages 537-538

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 Luke 4: 16-21 page 835

MESSAGE "For Everything there is a Season" – Rich Fournier

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God be in my head and in my understanding
God be in my eyes and in my insight
God be in my mouth and in my speaking
God be in my ears and in my hearing
God be in my arms and in my reaching
God be in my feet and in my grounding
God be in my heart and in my loving

***HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" No. 207

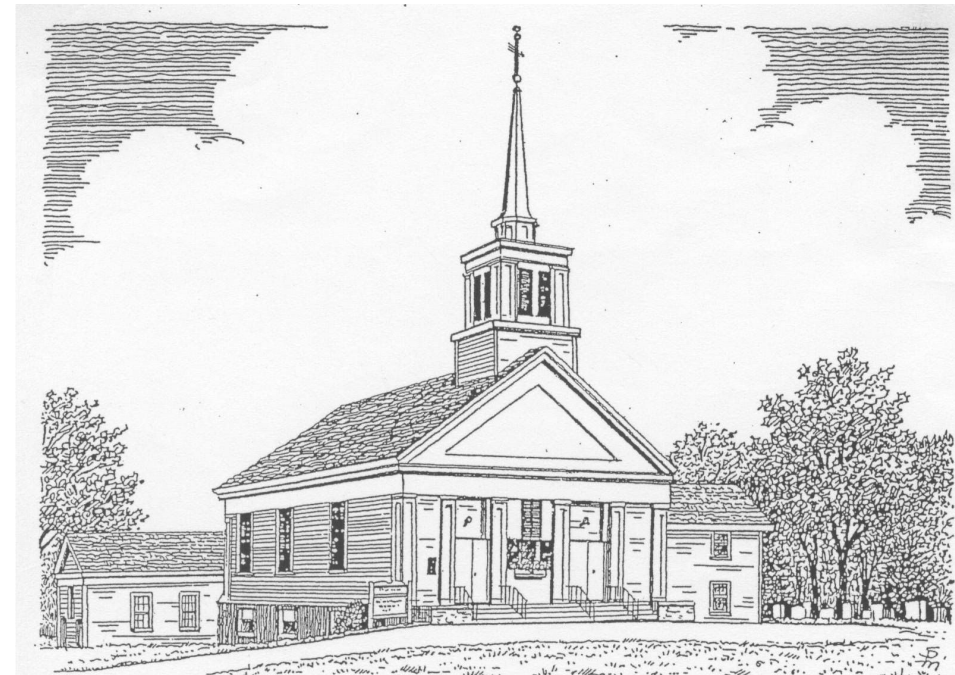
***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

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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