

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 11, 2020 - Pentecost 19

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens." Jimi Hendrix

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O Holy Wisdom, Sophia, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice can be heard in the soft breeze, we need your strength and wisdom.

People: May we walk in beauty, may we recognize the hidden wholeness of your creation.

Pastor: Make us wise that we may understand what you teach us.

People: Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Pastor: Make us always ready to come to you with open hands and hearts.

People: May your wisdom and guidance season our lives as they ripen into who you would have us be. Amen

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 466 (vs. 1 & 2)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We are drawn together by Sophia, Wisdom of the universe, nature's intelligence, embodied in Jesus and present in all souls who gather at Her table. We gather to receive grace to give up our foolish ways, to walk in Her light, to delight in creation and in one another, as

Sophia delights in us. May we open the gates of our souls, that Sophia may enter, making us friends of God and one another. We open to Her transforming power that moves us toward Christ Consciousness. AMEN

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Selections from Proverbs 8 page 515

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 Wisdom of Solomon 9: 27-30 (Apocrypha)

MESSAGE "Sophia, Jesus and the wisdom Tradition" – Rich

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 344 (vs. 1 & 2)

*BENEDICTION

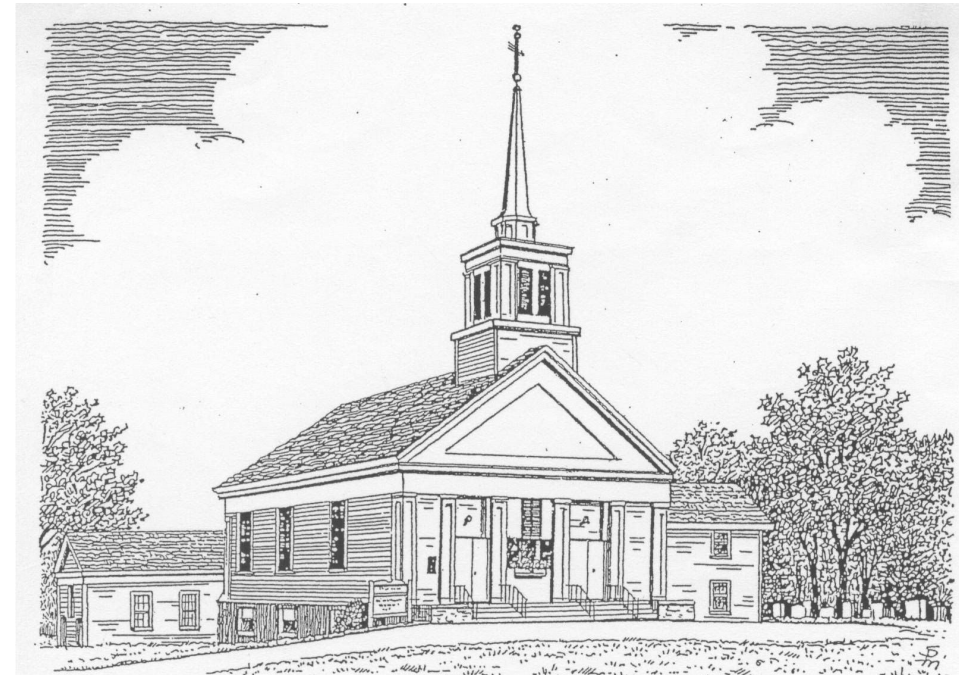
***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" No. 207

*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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