

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*"We can't direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.
For maximum happiness, peace, and contentment,
may we choose a positive attitude."*

Thomas S. Monson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Hebrews - chapter 12)

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith who endured the cross.

Leader: Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are disciplined by him.

People: For the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.

All: Discipline yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

***HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 224 (vs, 1,3 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give you thanks, O God, for your invitations to grow through new ventures and new challenges that you set before us. Give us the strength to face all challenges and make the necessary choices

and adjustments in our lives. May we come to know the lessons you have hidden in these obstacles. When we worry we are not up to the task, remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us, for with you all things are possible. When we get tired or feel frustrated with the way things are going, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations. We give you thanks for the comfort you extend when we struggle with our faith. Inspire and encourage us to make choices each day that will bring peace and joy not only to ourselves, but to all of your creation. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 107 vs. 23-31 pages 487-488

CHOIR ANTHEM "Like a Bridge Over Troubled Water"

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 1 Peter 4: 12-19 page 986

MESSAGE "Adjusting Our Sails" – Anita

***HYMN** "Give to the Winds Your Fears" No. 422 (vs. 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION**

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

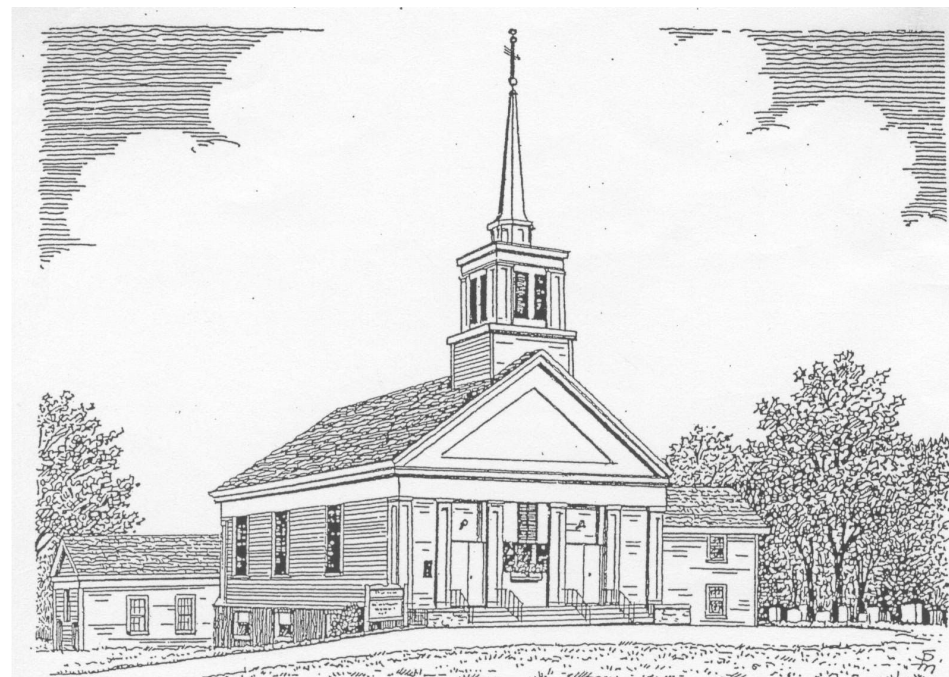
***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

The Monday Nighters have their quilt on display here at the church for everyone to see. The pattern is called “Shakespeare in the Park”. It is first prize in their annual raffle. Other prizes include a set of placemats and a painting. They need a lot of help selling raffle tickets, as they usually sell a lot of tickets at the Franklin County Fair and the Silverbell Bazaar, which are not taking place this year. It is hoped that everyone will help by buying and selling tickets. If you are able to help sell tickets or have any questions contact Luahn.

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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