

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*"The river is constantly turning and bending and you never know where it's going to go and where you'll wind up. Following the bend in the river and staying on your own path means that you are on the right track. Don't let anyone deter you from that." Eartha Kitt*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "When Jesus Speaks"

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Pastor:** The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

**People:** **How good and lovely it is when we live together in unity.**

**Pastor:** Love and faithfulness meet, justice and peace embrace.

**People:** **If we, God's people, keep silent these very stones will shout out loud.**

**ALL:** **Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall sing forth your praise. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 350

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, today, this day, we give to you. Do within us whatever you want to do that brings us more fully alive. Please make of our hearts a vessel of Your presence. May the glorious light of our Creator God find a restful home inside our souls. May we no longer be content to be small versions of who we could be. We now embrace the divine child within us. May it burst forth now to bless

the world. May we not be tempted to doubt the light that permeates the entire world. Illumine and heal the earth and all its life. Thank you for the Christ Spirit and consciousness. May we rise and shine with your radiant love. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Pastor's Choice: (various scriptures on Light and Rivers)

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "I've Got Peace Like a River"

## 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: (various scriptures on Light and Rivers)

**MESSAGE** "Drinking from the River of Light" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "O Word of God Incarnate" No. 219 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

### \*BENEDICTION

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

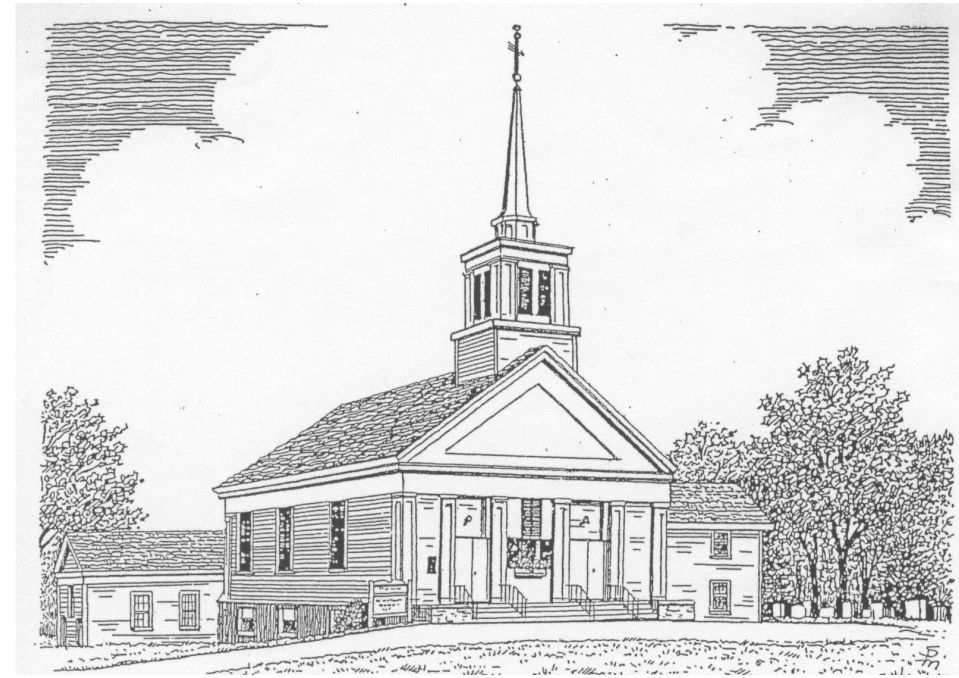
## \*POSTLUDE

\*=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. The painting, by Cyndie Stetson, is also on display here. Help is needed 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](mailto: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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