

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 1, 2020

*"My vote is my voice...and the voice of all who struggled,
so that I may have a voice." Lydia C. Obasi*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Welcome, Jesus Christ" - Ken Bible

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Through the ages and in many places, saints of God
have witnessed in God's name;

**People: Through the ages, prophets, poets, martyrs, sages
have witnessed in God's name.**

Pastor: We come together in the cloud of witnesses as one
communion;

People: We raise our voices to God, the Source of Life.

Pastor: We bless the earthly memories of those who now shine in
God's glory;

**People: And join the whole company on earth and heaven
singing unending praise. Amen**

***HYMN** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" No. 520 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All humankind are One vast family, this world our home. We sleep
beneath One roof, the starry sky. We warm ourselves before One
hearth, the blazing sun. Upon One floor of soil we stand, and
breathe One air, and drink One water, and walk the night beneath

One luminescent moon. The children of One God we are, brothers
and sisters of One blood, and members in One worldwide family of
God. O God, help us to realize this and empower us to make this
Oneness real in our minds and hearts. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 John 3: 1-3 page 990

HYMN "For All the Saints" No. 533 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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 Revelation 21: 1-4, 22: 1-5
pgs. 1007 & 1008

MESSAGE "Exploring the Idea of Saints" – Rich Fournier

CHOIR ANTHEM "Welcomed Home Again" - Ruth Elaine Schram

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread
and wine. We give you thanks for the Christ Spirit and
consciousness which is a source of peace and hope. Unite, as far

as possible, all the peoples of the world in carrying on the ministry of love and reconciliation initiated and energized by the Holy Spirit of love. Amen

***HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" No. 207 (vs. 1)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

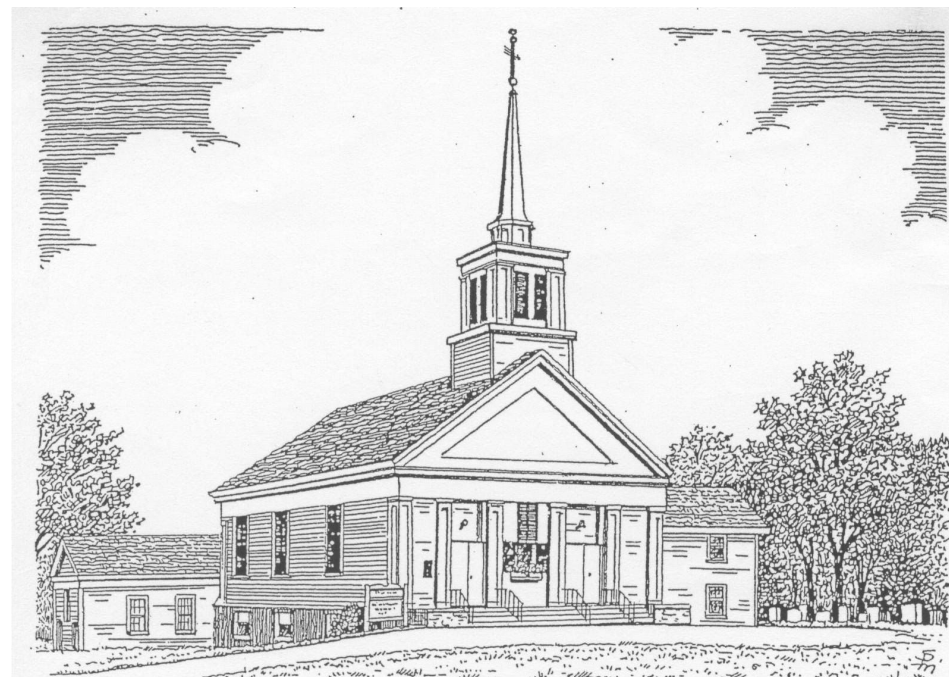
*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

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. 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.

It's that time of year to start thinking about the Sharing Christmas Program through the Hilltown Food Pantry. Because of the Covid Virus there will not be the usual mitten tree where we buy gifts for children. This year they are requesting donations of money in hopes of pooling it together to purchase a Visa Credit Card for each child in the amount of \$100. Please send donations of any amount to either Elvira Scott or Marjorie Senecal. Checks should be made out to the Hilltown Food Pantry. Be sure to make a note on the check that it is for Sharing Christmas. Thank you Vi and Marge for working at the Food Pantry and helping out with Sharing Christmas.

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 can hear them.



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