

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 17, 2021 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

*"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life;
love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it."
by Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Over My Head" - African-American Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God is calling, do you not hear?

People: We are being called by name, for a purpose.

Pastor: Among the many competing calls, discern God's voice.

People: We will not confuse the ways of the world with God's Way.

Pastor: God knows the leanings of our hearts.

People: Our hearts yearn for God and for peace and justice.

***HYMN** "Lead On Eternal Sovereign" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, all peoples are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, we are one people under God. We are all manifestations of your image. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace, and love. Let us know and feel your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of creation's beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and inspire us toward the Beloved Community. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this inspired by the example of your disciple Martin Luther King, Jr., who followed the Way of Jesus. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Amos 5: 21-24 page 747

CHOIR ANTHEM "Ev'ryBody Shout!" - Patsy Ford Simms

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY (We request that you leave your contributions in the basket on your way out or mail them to Vi Scott.)

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Shall Not Be Moved" - Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "His Dream, Our Dream, God's Dream" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "We Shall Overcome" (insert - vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. This month the food item to contribute is soup and crackers.

Copies of reports are available to members today and can be picked up here at church or from Willis's porch. Reports will also be emailed to members upon request.

An abbreviated **Annual Meeting** will be held next Sunday, January 24th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning church service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person and will be broadcast via Zoom. The only two items to be reviewed and voted on at the meeting will be the 2021 Budget and the 2021 List of Officers and Committees. All other Committee and Officer Reports will be held until it is either safe to meet in person or the weather is such that an outdoor, socially distanced meeting is possible. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Paul Willis at 413-625-2649.

Share the Warmth is having a "Sock Collection" during January and ending on February 9th. Our hope is to provide a new pair of socks for every member of the Food Pantry. Distribution will take place on February 9th. There will be a collection box outside the side door of the First Congregational Church of Ashfield for donations. We are hoping that folks will donate any size new socks or gently used, clean socks. Think about how important good socks are to you, and think about someone having very few pairs themselves.



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