

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 24, 2021 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

“Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in His ways, steadily and firmly, and then finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions, and gifts, our human needs and eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for.”

by Eugene H. Peterson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” - Ruth Duck

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We gather together in the name of our God who shares divinity with us,

People: In the name of our God who shares humanity with us,

Pastor: In the name of our God who inspires and calls us,

People: In the name of our God who knows us by name and heart.

ALL: Let us give thanks and praise.

***HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” No. 1 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We give you thanks, Spirit of wisdom, for you speak to us in ways that often surprise us. You uncover truths that we have kept hidden from ourselves, and support us in tasks we fear to undertake alone. We give thanks for your invitations to growth and intimacy and fullness of life, and for the comfort you extend when we need it the most. Inspire us. Encourage us. Conceive in us newborn possibilities for love and service, and fill us with enthusiasm for the promptings and callings of the "still, small voice within." Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6: 1-8 page 553

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.)

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 14-20 page 812

MESSAGE “The Wind, One Brilliant Day, Called” – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** “You Walk Along Our Shoreline” (insert)

***BENEDICTION** “A Blessing of Light” - J.M. Martin

*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 today immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person here in the sanctuary, 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.

We are looking for additional volunteers to facilitate the Zoom Service in church Sunday mornings. We'd love to have at least three or four individuals who could share this responsibility. Instructions and training will be provided. If you are able to help out, please contact Annie Stephany or Judy Willis.

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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