

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

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**January 31, 2021 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...  
It's about learning to dance in the rain."  
by Vivian Greene*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" - Ruth Duck

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.

**People: Praise be to God the Creator in whose image we are created.**

Pastor: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is its source and its living fire.

**People: We affirm in Christ that we can be, and are, one world and one family working together to show forth and call forth the Living Christ Spirit of love.**

**\*HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 25

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, it is in our lives that we become aware of Your life. We have built this house of worship, not as a vault to contain You, but as a reminder that the whole world is a sanctuary of Your presence. We are reminded to look for You, in the eyes we meet, the hands we hold, the human stories that we hear and tell. It is there that we often find You the nearest and most real. We thank You for the lives You have given us, for the senses through which we can experience life, and for our human souls which reach out toward

You even now. We thank You for Your loving presence, and each new day we can begin again in wonder and thanksgiving. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 page 153

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Stories of Jesus" - A. Page & J. A. Shafferman

## 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: 21-28 pages 812-813

**MESSAGE** "Jesus as Healer: Creating and Crossing Boundaries" – Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "We Thank Thee That Thy Mandate" No. 517 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "A Blessing of Light" - J.M. Martin

### \*POSTLUDE

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

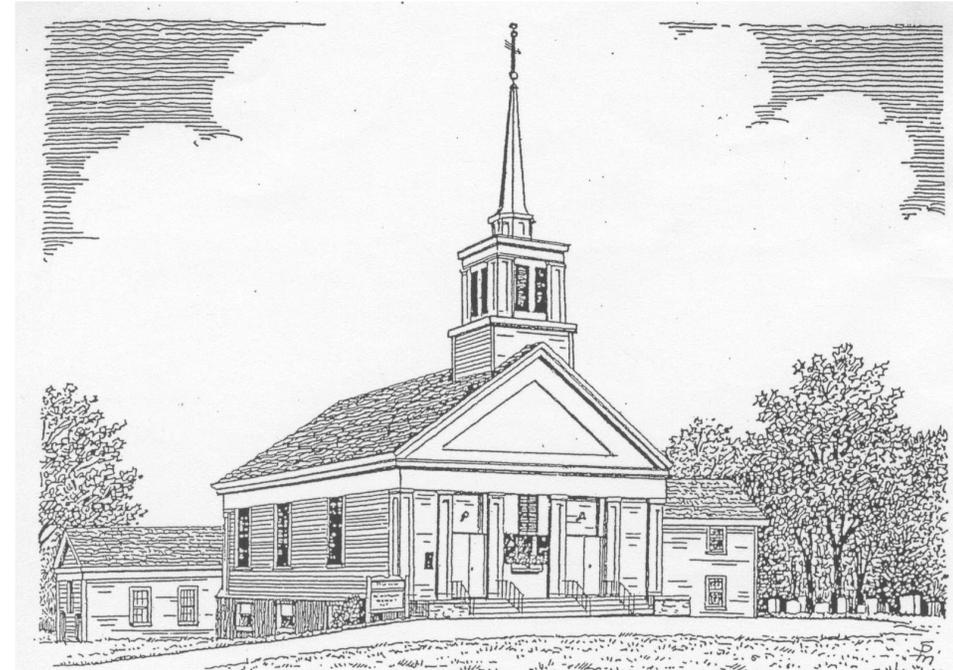
## Announcements

The **No Bake, Bake Sale** February fundraiser has begun. Please support the Mary Lyon Church by sending a donation to P. O. Box 87 Buckland, Ma. 01338 and indicate on your check, No Bake, Bake Sale. Thank you for your generosity.

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. For the month of February we are focusing on collecting items needed for baking such as flour, sugar, vanilla, spices, etc.

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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