

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

February 7, 2021 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

“For someone to develop genuine compassion towards others, first he or she must have a basis upon which to cultivate compassion, and that basis is the ability to connect to one’s own feelings and to care for one’s own welfare. Caring for others requires caring for oneself.” - Dalai Lama

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O God in whom we live and move and have our being,

People: All our times are in Your hands, and all our beginnings

and endings are known to you .

Pastor: Help us to respond creatively and lovingly to all the challenges and opportunities You offer us in these trying times,

People: and enable us to grow in faith and trust into the stature and fullness of the Christ Spirit. Amen

***HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 43 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God of our hope, we give You thanks for this day and these people, and for Your gospel that gives this day meaning and provides Your people direction. Stay close to us. Help us to feel and see and taste and touch Your presence in our lives. Encourage us, root us in You. Inspire our desire for your life in us, that our only fear

is the loss of our awareness of Your presence, and our greatest joy is awareness of Your love. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 40-45 page 813

CHOIR ANTHEM

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 Pastor’s Choice

MESSAGE “Cultivating Compassion” – Rich Fournier

***COMMUNION HYMN** “Behold the Lamb” (insert)

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We thank You for the promise of this meal; presence to remove the bonds of isolation, power to overcome our powerlessness. We thank You for the promise of this day; renewed life for weary spirits, for setting free the imprisoned splendor of Your light and love within us. Help us to reach out to one another in community and be agents of renewal. May Your resurrection happen again and again in us and through us. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 207

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

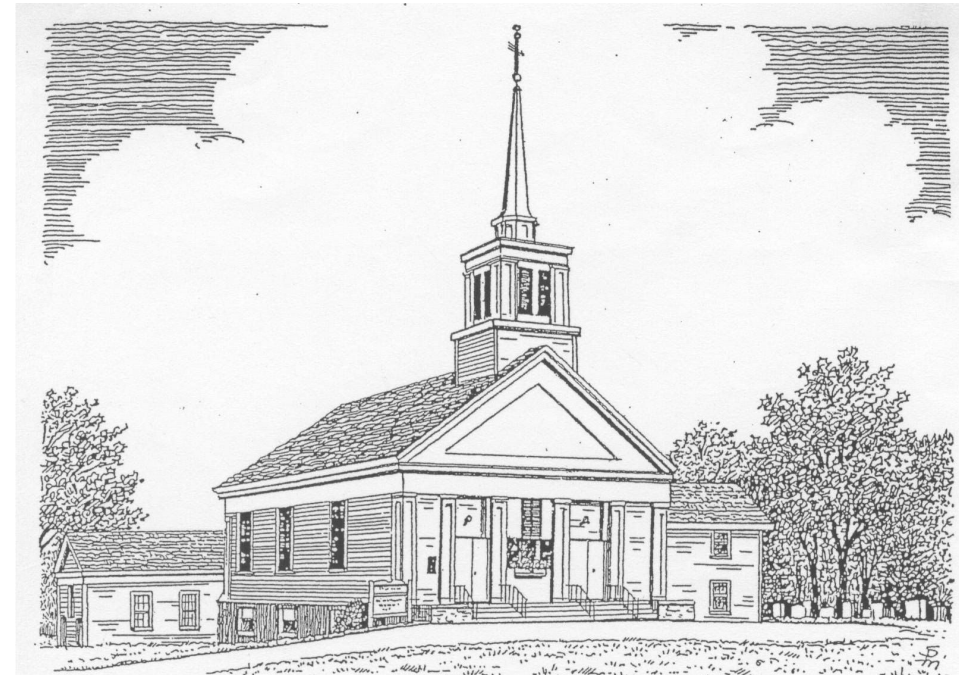
Announcements

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.

The church directory is in the process of being updated and will hopefully be ready to print and be distributed in April. Jill is the contact person for updates and changes that need to be made. Jill's correct phone number is 413- 625-8109. The number was incorrect in the newsletter.



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