

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Phone: 625-9440 Pastor's Phone: (413) 634-5451

Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday - Valentine's Day

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

by Helen Keller

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The glory of God transfigures the everyday.

People: The light of God transfigures familiar faces!

Pastor: May God's presence shine through us to others.

People: At the depths of our life challenges, may God's presence give us courage and peace.

ALL: May God's light, shining through the face of Christ, illumine all our days. Amen

***HYMN** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, we praise you that when we gather in your name, you are in our midst to challenge and renew us; that when we risk even small acts of justice, you multiply the loaves and fishes of our deeds; that when we seek the demanding way of peace, we are found by a peace, a hope, an empowerment that the world cannot give or take away. In that peace and power, dear God, we take hopeful heart, walk on without fainting, and find our way with your guiding light. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 3: 17-18 page 939

CHOIR ANTHEM "Teach Me, Lord, to Wait" - Mary McDonald

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 9: 2-9 pages 820-821

MESSAGE "And the Light Comes Shining Through - Someone Like You" – Rich Fournier

CHOIR ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" - Don Besig

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

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

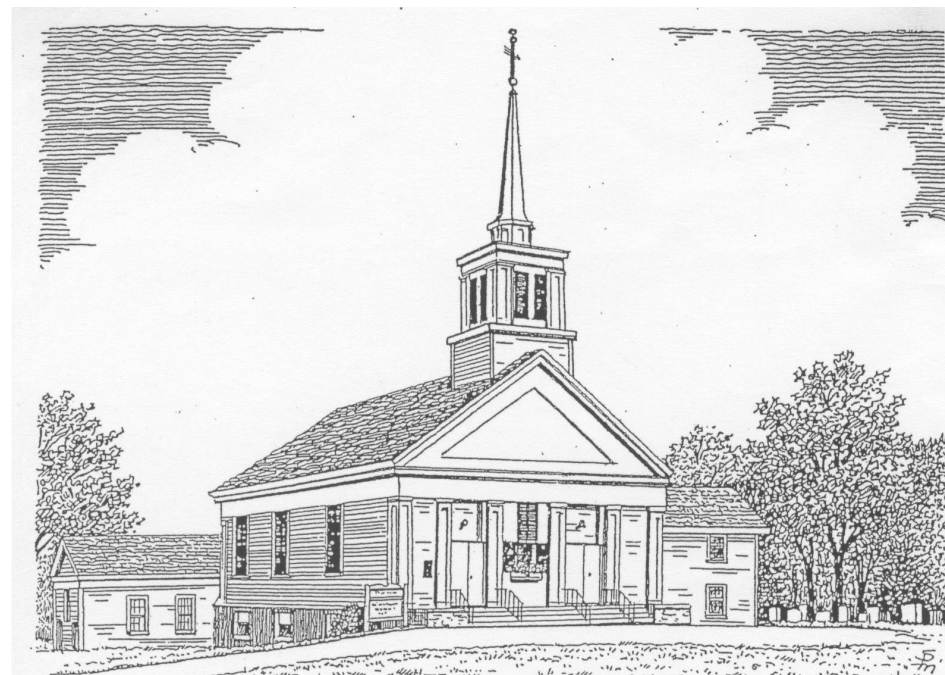
Announcements

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.

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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