

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

"We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song."

Pope John Paul II

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Rejoice!" - Joseph M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Christ has Risen!

People: Christ has Risen indeed!

Pastor: We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

People: The tomb is empty, death is not the last word.

Pastor: This is the day that our God has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 163 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of such amazing surprises as to put a catch in our breath and wings on our hearts, we praise you for this joy too great for words, but not for tears and songs and sharing; for this mercy that blots out our betrayals and bids us begin again, to limp on, to hop-skip-and jump on, to mend what is broken in and around us and to forgive the breakers; for this YES to life and laughter, to love and lovers, and to our unwinding selves; for this kingdom unleashed in us and we in it forever; and no dead ends to growing, to choices, to chances, to calls to be just; no dead ends to living, to making peace, to dreaming dreams, to being glad of heart; for this resurrection madness which is wiser than we are, and in which we see how loving you are and how full of grace. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Colossians 3: 1-4 page 957

CHOIR ANTHEM "My Lord, What a Morning" - Frank L. Cross & Roger C. Wilson

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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 20: 1-18 page 882-883

MESSAGE "Resurrections: Large and Small" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful, Raise the Strain" No. 164

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Response for Easter" - John Weston

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

If you brought in a plant or flowers, please be sure to pick them up after the worship service this morning.

For the month of April we are focusing on bringing in pasta and sauce for the Food Pantry.



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