

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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March 7, 2021 - Third Sunday in Lent

*"Let us live Lent then, as a 'Eucharistic' time in which,
welcoming the love of Jesus, we learn to spread it around
us with every word and deed."
by Pope Benedict XVI*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "The Ones Who Share This Feast" - American Folk Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: From each moment we breathe, we draw life.

People: From each living being, we draw love.

Pastor: From the earth and the sun we draw nourishment.

People: From each we receive, and to each we joyfully give.

Pastor: For the web that connects everything to us weaves its
tapestry throughout our souls,

**People: Uniting us with all....separateness is an illusion. God is
one.**

***HYMN** "As the Deer" (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We give you thanks, Gentle One, who has touched our soul. You have loved us from the moment of our first waking and have held us in joy and grief. Stay with us, we pray. Grace us with Your presence, and with it, the fullness of our own humanity. Help us to claim our strength and our need, our awesomeness and fragile beauty, that encouraged by the truth we might work to restore compassion to the human family and renew the face of the earth so She can smile once again upon all her children. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 4: 5-42 page 864-865

CHOIR ANTHEM "Let Us Walk This Road Together" -
Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

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.)

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE "Jesus, Still Breaking Boundaries to Give Life and Love" –
Rich Fournier

***COMMUNION HYMN** "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" No. 211

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have felt the signs and symbols of Your love for us, grant that we may depart from this sacred space filled with our love for You and overflowing with love for those who are around us and who share our lives. May our love bear fruit in our community and in the wider world. Amen

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

Today we will be sharing communion together. If you did not bring your own bread and grape juice, you can help yourself to some in the foyer, where you entered the church, which is individually packaged for everyone's safety.

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. For the month of March we are focusing on collecting cereals, especially hot choices: oatmeal, cream of wheat, etc.

We are still 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.

When Luis Pazmino died he left behind two beautiful cats. They are with his daughter right now, but because she already has three cats of her own and they are not welcoming the two new ones, they need to find a new home. They are around 12 years old and their names are Manuel and Maria. If you are interested in providing a home for these cats contact Carmen Donelson at carmen.donelson3@gmail.com



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