

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 11, 2021 - Easter 2

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
Mother Teresa*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" - C. M. Fillmore

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from 1 John 3)

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children now, enveloped in God's love;

People: What we will become has not yet fully manifested.

Pastor: But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be Christlike.

Pastor: For now we see as in a glass darkly, but then face to face. Amen

***HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection" No. 168

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (adapted from Bruce Sanguin)

O Holy One, how quickly we slip back into conformance to this world; Easter happened last weekend, and already we're living off leftovers. We have returned to our routines, and locked ourselves into familiar patterns as the disciples locked themselves behind closed doors. It is good news indeed that there is no hiding from the Risen One. He comes as Destiny's servant, walking through walls of fear, breathing the fire of the Holy Spirit into our hesitant hearts and offering us a peace which surpasses all understanding: the peace of renewed purpose, of a blessed unrest, of realizing that the Easter story is about our own resurrection after all, and that there is work to done: proclaiming God's love, healing the brokenhearted,

speaking out for creation, and above all, opening to the evolving push and pull of the Spirit's call. O Risen One, breathe on us, set us on fire and send us out, that we might rise from our graves of fear and go forth boldly as your Easter people. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Acts 4: 32-37 page 888

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" - K. Getty & S. Townsend

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: 19-31 page 883

MESSAGE "Peace Be with You" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 85 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "My Peace" - K. Rutledge

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Anna Marie Townsend, who was born on April 12th, from Carl and Janet.

Our prayers go out to Tina and her family, as her father, Charlie Raymond died early Thursday morning.

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



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