

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 18, 2021 - Easter 3

"Seize every opportunity along the way, for how sad it would be if the road you chose became the road not taken." Robert Breault

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O sing to God a new song for God's amazing grace!

People: Because of God's steadfast love, we all have seen the power of life.

Pastor: For now Christ is risen, and his spirit is among us.

People: Make a joyful noise unto God all ye people!

Pastor: Break forth into joyous songs of praise and thanks!

People: For nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our risen spirit of Christ. Amen

***HYMN** "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" No. 173

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Risen Christ Spirit, live in us that we may live in you. We gather to thank you that in your resurrection we are renewed and transformed. Like the butterfly, we unfold and fly free from the cocoon, free from all the graveclothes that have bound us - like our fears and angers, our self-centeredness, our loneliness. We thank you that in your resurrection all those who have died who are dear to us now live with you. In you they have victory over suffering, peace never known on earth, and the joy of your presence always. We thank you that in your resurrection we also may hope for the

new life your presence in us inspires and for the everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 John 3: 1-3 page 990

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Sweetest Name" - John Purifoy

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 Luke 24: 36b-48 page 861

MESSAGE "Roads Taken and Not Taken" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" No. 161 (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends" -
Ray Repp

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

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



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