

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day**

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*"Successful mothers are not the ones that have never struggled; they are the ones that never give up despite the struggles." Sharon Jaynes*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"- arranged by  
Kevin McBeth

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Pastor:** May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives that we may be quieted into God's presence.

**People:** **May the love of God flow through our worship words and songs that they may be alive and enlivening.**

**Pastor:** May we remember our mothers this day with gratitude, for they were the channels through whom we all entered the earth school.

**People:** **We worship the living Christ Spirit who inhabits our world and permeates our lives. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "We Come, O Christ, to Thee" No. 79 (vs. 1 - 4)

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Let us be glad in the ways of God who presides among stars yet teaches the human heart, who gives the seasons that both people and nations may know and acknowledge the rhythms of life, who authors the mystery of our freedom, and risks the divine love among our human choices, who intends that each one shall go without fear and that all shall share the music of the deep heaven, who gathers

us to learn together who we really are, and how we might more clearly hear and discern the "Still, small voice of God" calling us into the fullness of life and love. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 2: 1-10 page 984

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "In a Mother's Heart" - Thomas Keesecker

## **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.)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** John 14: 1-14 page 877

**MESSAGE** "Absence and Presence" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" No. 166 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

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

## Announcements

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. For the month of April we are focusing on collecting canned fruits and vegetables.

Tina Peters has volunteered to take charge of providing flowers for the Sunday worship service for the month of May. If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any Sunday in May, please call Tina at 413-625-9629.

There are copies of the special August raffle calendar fundraiser on the table in the entryway. Tickets are \$5.00. Each ticket gives you 31 chances to win, as there is a different prize each day in the month of August. Winners will be notified.



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