

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension

"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand."
Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "All His Work Is Ended" - F.R. Havergal

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.

People: We go forth in mystery and wonder, growing, changing, and living.

Pastor: Let us go forth with caring awareness for the world and all that is within it.

People: We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.

Pastor: Let us proceed in peace and go forth in joy.

People: We go in God's continuing presence, with the power to love and the strength and willingness to serve.
Amen

***HYMN** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" No. 173 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, we thank you for your presence as we take time to pray and ponder on the continuing impact of Easter on our lives. The Christ Spirit has become for us the measure of true life. That Spirit bears for us your gift of love, and a way of living and loving God and others. We are resurrection people, no longer bound by fear of death, but freed to witness to, and embody, the light. Nourish us to

become like trees, planted beside streams of living water, that flourish and bear fruit because of your constant care and attention. Be known to us in this hour and in all our days. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Acts 1: 1-11 page 884

CHOIR ANTHEM "Medley of the Cross" - arr. by Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman

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 short selections from John and Luke

MESSAGE "The Ascension: An ending and a Beginning" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" No. 174 (vs. 1 & 2)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "King Of Glory" - W.A. Mozart

POSTLUDE

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

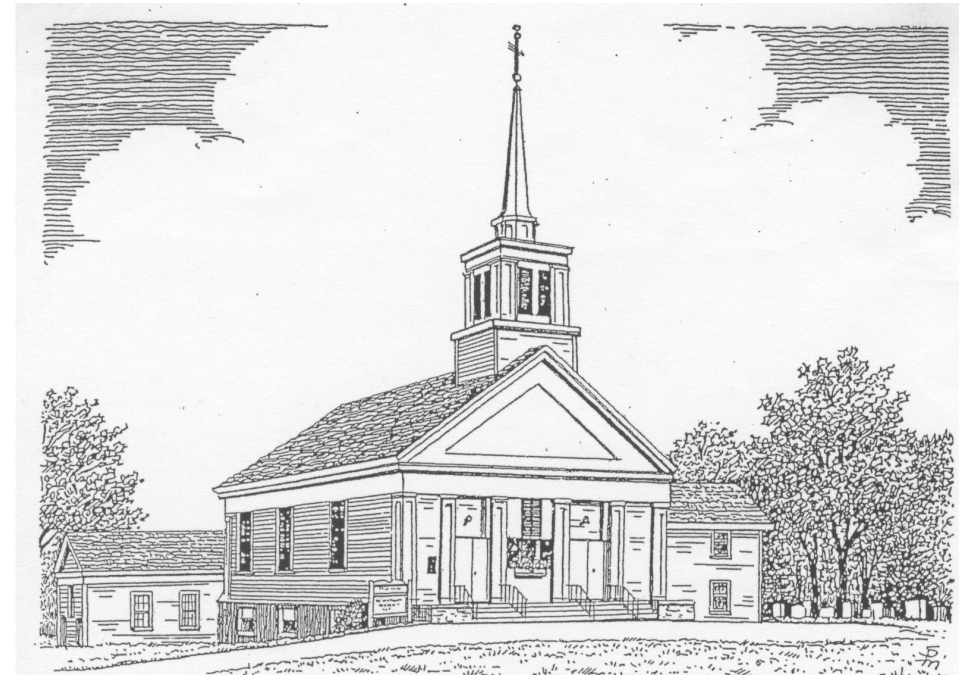
Announcements

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. For the month of May 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.

The Stained glass window restoration capital campaign has reached its goal of \$90,000. Thank you so much to everyone who donated, worked on the campaign committee, and was so supportive of this huge endeavor. We hope in the future that the postponed concerts and other fundraisers will happen, so that we may be able to get protection for the windows. Again, thank you all for your heartfelt contributions.



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