

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us." Robert Baer

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Holy Spirit, Come to Us" - Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The day of Pentecost has come and we are together.

People: Will the promised Spirit blow and browse among us today?

Pastor: God comes to us as a gentle breath or challenging wind.

People: We catch our breath, God's breath, and come alive.

Pastor: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

People: Behold, the Christ Spirit comes to bring wondrous new life.

***HYMN** "On Pentecost They Gathered" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come Holy Spirit, persistent breath of God, move among us, blow and flow in our midst, seek out the cracks in our facades, and break us open to the liberating spaciousness of your love. Breathe deeply into us as we become breathless in You. Now in your presence, in this place, with this beloved community, move us gently into unclenched moments of possibility, make us acutely aware that these times of change challenge us. Awaken and empower our timid lives, help us to believe in the gifts of God who created us, so that together we may express the best that is within us and make a

difference in the lives of others. Through the gift of the Holy Christ Spirit, make us clearer channels of your love and grace in the world.
Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 14 :15-17, 25-27 pages 877-878

CHOIR ANTHEM "Whirlwind Spirit" - Joel Raney

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 Acts 2: 1-21 page 885

MESSAGE "The Promise, Power, and Presence of the Spirit" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "O Spread the Tidings 'Round" No. 189 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "Pentecost Benediction" - Linda R. Dickson

POSTLUDE

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

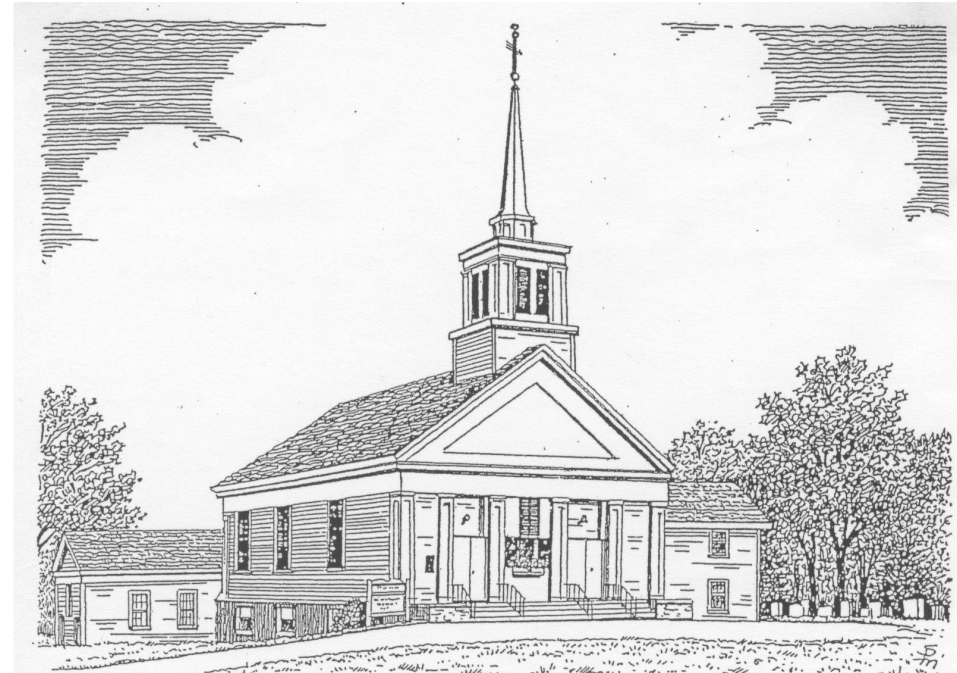
Announcements

The deadline for the June church calendar is Wed. 5/26 at noon. Distribution will be by Sunday 5/30. Call Tina at 625-9629 or email her at heylady@mapinternet.com with any information you would like to have included.

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. In honor of Pentecost Sunday, the church is adorned with fiery colored flowers today, compliments of Sandy and Cyndie.

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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