

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**May 30, 2021**

**First Sunday after Pentecost - Memorial Weekend**

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*"When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be."  
Lao Tzu*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: We have come to encounter the living Word, calling us into communion with God and one another,

**People: And calling us to continue following the Way and work of Christ in our world.**

Pastor: So, we come together here, joining hands and hearts in the great quest:

**People: To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" No. 498 (vs.1, 3 & 4)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Dear God, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place, and ourselves, and the world. Touch us with truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves us to create more beauty. And set us free, dear God: free to try new ways of living; free to forgive ourselves and each other; free to love and laugh and sing; free to lay aside our burden of insecurities; free to join the struggle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of life and persons; free to Be, to give, to receive, to rejoice as a child of your Spirit and a bearer of your image and likeness. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 40: 28-31 page 583

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Teach Me, Lord, to Wait" - Mary McDonald

**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** Romans 12: 2; Luke 17: 20-21  
pages 922 & 852

**MESSAGE** "A Variety Pack of Wisdom and Renewal" - Rich

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "In Flanders Fields" - J. McCrae, J. Jacobson,  
& R. Emerson

**\*HYMN** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" No. 520

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "For You I Pray God's Peace" - Ken Bible

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

## Announcements

The Annual Buckland Center Memorial Day Parade is happening tomorrow, Monday, May 31st. Spectators are encouraged! Veterans will gather at the home of the late Dr. Mark Purinton at 43 Upper St. at 8:00 a.m. This year the traditional route and ceremony has changed. The parade will proceed north on Upper St. to the Veterans' Memorial on the lawn of the Buckland Historical Society at the corner of Upper St. and Charlemont Rd. for a brief presentation. Please, even though restrictions are lifted, for the safety and comfort of all, respect social distancing.

A reminder that we are still collecting food for the Hilltown Food Pantry. For the month of June we are focusing on collecting jams, jellies, and condiments such as ketchup, mustard, relish, BBQ sauce, mayonnaise, dressings, pickles, etc.

Barbara Scott is in charge of providing flowers for the Sunday worship service for the month of June. If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any Sunday in June, please call Barb at 413-625-6624.

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.

Rich will be taking next Sunday off for a vacation Sunday, therefore we will not be sharing communion together next Sunday, even though it is the first Sunday in June. Tina Peters has volunteered to preach in his place and lead the worship service next Sunday, June 6th, and we look forward to hearing her message.



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