

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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June 6, 2021

“People who love each other fully and truly are the happiest people in the world. They may have little, they may have nothing, but they are happy people. Everything depends on how we love one another.”
— Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “The Bond of Love” - Otis Skillings

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(inspired by a prayer by Scotty Smith, pastor in Frankin, TN):*

Leader: Dear Lord Jesus, it's both settling and centering to begin this worship with the assurance of your acceptance.

People: You know everything about us, and still we are fully and eternally accepted in God and in You.

Leader: When we confess what we have done, or left undone, we don't inform you of anything you don't already know.

People: It is absolutely overwhelming to be this known and this accepted by you.

Leader: Let us remember that our mission is to bring the good work God has started to all his children.

People: Show us kindness and love now and forever more. Amen and amen!

***HYMN** “Help Us Accept Each Other” (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

(from the internet: xavier.edu/jesuitresource/ Author Unknown)

Almighty God, through your Holy Spirit you created unity in the midst of diversity. We acknowledge that human diversity is an expression of your manifold love for your creation. Empower us to recognize and celebrate differences as your great gift to the human family. Enable us to be the architects of understanding, of respect and love. Through the Lord, the ground of all unity, we pray. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 John 4: 7-10 page 991

CHOIR ANTHEM “Beloved, Let Us Love One Another” - P. Chaplin

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 Colossians 3: 12-14 page 958

MESSAGE “About Those Cookies...” – Tina

***HYMN** “They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (insert)

***BENEDICTION** (from Romans 15: 1-7)

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “For You I Pray God's Peace” - Ken Bible

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

Rich is taking today off as a vacation Sunday. We are fortunate that Tina Peters has graciously agreed to preach in his place this morning, and we look forward to her message. Thank You, Tina.

Next Sunday, June 13th, when Rich is back with us, we will be sharing communion together. Now that many restrictions have been lifted, we will be passing the communion elements the way we did before the pandemic. We will also begin coffee hour after church beginning next Sunday, June 13th.

The altar flowers this morning are in loving memory of Cyndie's husband, Charlie Stetson whose birthday falls on Monday, June 7th.

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.



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