

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**June 13, 2021**

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*"In the end nothing we do or say in this lifetime will matter as much as the way we have loved one another." Daphne Rose Kingma*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "The Bond of Love" - Otis Skillings

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (unison)

Come among us living God as we come to hear your living word. We meet together in the name and nature of Christ, to share your mission of hope and transformation, and to love one another as you have loved us. Amen

\***HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 200 (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of many names, you know our names by heart. We are held in the hands of your life, and we do not always know what you will make of us. All we know is that we cannot make ourselves any more than we could in our mother's wombs. But this we can do, and this we choose, to give ourselves into the hands of your continuing creativity: to loose and to bind, to stretch and to shape, to become what we will, trusting the hands that made the world, trusting the Spirit that breathes life, trusting the love that will not let us go, trusting the promise of the living Christ Spirit made flesh. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Selections from three of Paul's letters:  
Galatians 6; 2 Corinthians 6; and Romans 12  
pages 948-949, 940, 922-923

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Remember, Remember Me" - Jack Schrader

**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 will be taking up the collection in the traditional way of passing the plates, however, if you prefer you may continue to send your contributions directly to Vi Scott.)

\***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" No. 572

**ORGAN RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE READING** continuation from First Scripture readings

**MESSAGE** "The Lost Religion of Jesus: Some Steps Toward its Rediscovery." - Rich Fournier

\***HYMN** "According to Thy Gracious Word" No. 212

**COMMUNION**

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Dear God, we have taken your life into our hands, into our mouths, and into our bodies and souls. May your life quicken our lives so that they may grow closer as one. May the love that we have consumed, consume us and transfigure us into your true daughters and sons. May all that we are and all that we do reflect to your glory. Amen

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 207

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

### Announcements

Today we will be sharing communion together in the traditional way of passing the elements as we did before the COVID pandemic. You do not have to participate, if you feel uncomfortable with this.

For all those who feel comfortable with the lifted restrictions, we will be having our first coffee hour downstairs after the worship service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

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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