

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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July 4, 2021 - Independence Day

"When you get to know a lot of people, you make a great discovery... It takes all the people—black and white, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant, recent immigrants and Mayflower descendants—to make up America." — Judy Garland

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 66: 1-9)

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you."

Leader: They sing the praises of your name. Come and see what God has done; his awesome deeds for mankind!

People: He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him. He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nation.

Leader: Let not the rebellious rise up against him. Praise our God, all peoples.

People: Let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. Amen

***HYMN** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" No. 525

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still, small voice, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope and life. Be with us, care for us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Galatians 6: 1-10 page 948

CHOIR ANTHEM "This Is the Land I Love" - Robert J. Hughes

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

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

ORGAN RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10: 1-11 page 844

MESSAGE "Independence Day" - Tina Peters

***HYMN** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" No. 522

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

Rich is taking this Sunday off to allow his body additional time to rest and heal after his fall. We are very fortunate to have Tina Peters filling in for Rich this morning. Thank you, Tina!

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.

For all those who feel comfortable with the lifted restrictions, we will be having 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 July we are focusing on collecting soup and crackers.

Cyndie Stetson is in charge of providing flowers for the Sunday worship service for the month of July. If anyone wishes to provide flowers for any Sunday in July, please call Cyndie at 413-339-4231.

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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