

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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July 11, 2021

"Life and business are like the changing seasons. You cannot change the seasons, but you can change yourself. Therein lies the opportunity to live an extraordinary life, the opportunity to change yourself." Jim Rohn

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "God Of The Earth, The Sky, The Sea" - H. Henry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O God, we come before you with open hearts and ears.

People: Please speak to us, and through us, your life-giving word.

Pastor: Speak through our silence and worship, our singing and praying, our greetings and highest hopes.

People: There is nothing that does not contain your Word, your invitation to abundant life and love.

Pastor: So this July morning, may the extraordinary depth of your love touch us, now and forever.

People: And lead us into the timeless Now of your presence in our lives.

***HYMN** "God of Our Fathers" No. 526 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy One, Holy Oneness, from the depths of your holiness call us to be whole, and wherever we are remind us that we are on holy ground. Renew our minds and bodies to be fresh and vital as

morning light, and grant us peace within, as deep as the starry night. Awaken us to the task of becoming beautiful in spirit, mind, and heart, and so in face, that our gifts be worthy of your grace. Empower us to dare to be compassionate that your dreams for our humanity come true; to be imaginative that your kingdom come in and through us; to be disciplined, yet flexible, that we may prepare the way for you in our hearts and in your world. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55: 10-13 page 598

CHOIR ANTHEM "God Is Always With Me" - Nancy J. Wieder

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 "God Will Be Exalted" - Ken Bible

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

ORGAN RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46 page 450

MESSAGE "Season of Changes" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Be Still, My Soul" No. 324

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE "The God Of Hope Be With You" - T. Fettke

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

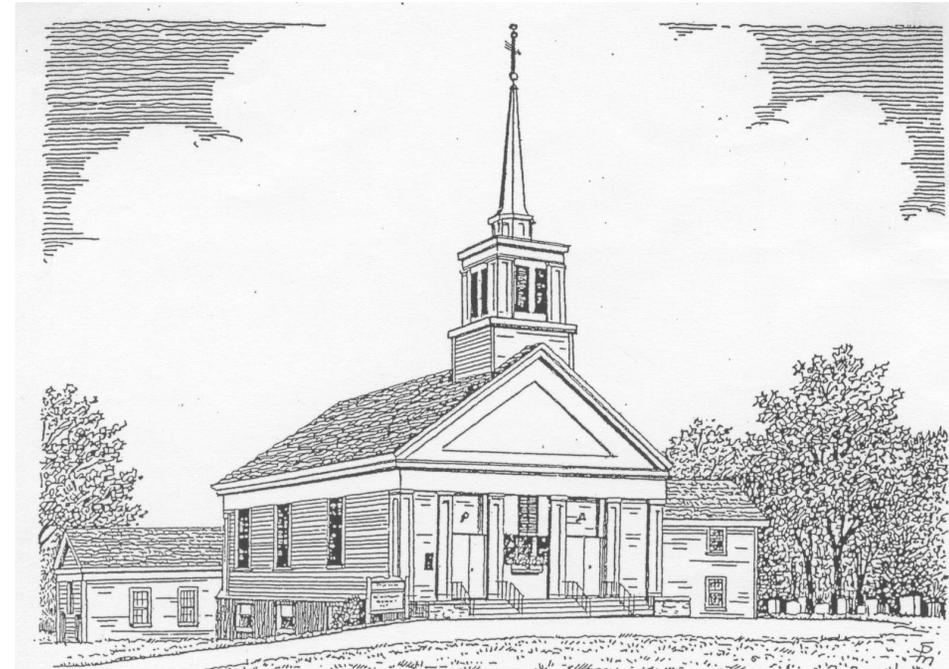
We will be having coffee hour downstairs after the worship service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

For the month of July we are focusing on collecting soup and crackers for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

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. See Cyndie Stetson or Sue Annear for tickets.

The continuation of the Annual Meeting held on January 24, 2021 will be held next **Sunday, July 18th**, socially distanced and in person immediately following the 10:30 A. M. church service. The purpose of the meeting is to review and vote on the 2021 committee reports, and any old business or new business may be brought up, discussed, or voted on, as well.

A couple of people have indicated that they would like to become a formal member of the church. Per by-laws this will be voted on at the Continuation of the Annual Meeting with an installation date planned in the near future when it is convenient for new members to attend. If there is anyone else wishing to become a member please contact either Pastor Rich or Anita Upright, so that you can be added to the list to be voted on at the meeting. We look forward to welcoming new members!



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