

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**July 18, 2021**

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*"I'm not suggesting that we have the power to heal physical conditions with our human fingers. But I do believe that there is a healing of the spirit that takes place when we touch others. There's a comfort that can't be found anywhere else but in a touch or a hug. Somehow, God's love and power is shared with others through the simplicity of our physical touch." Amy Nappa*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Gracious God, you show us the meaning of reconciliation in the life of Christ.

**People: In touch, in words, in deeds, the living Christ Spirit reconciled people to God and the community.**

Pastor: We gather to renew ourselves that we too might reconcile others with a touch, a word, or an act.

**People: We sing your praise, O God, we celebrate your power to bring people together, we pray for your Kin-dom to break into our lives and hearts! Amen**

**\*HYMN** "We Thank Thee That Thy Mandate" No. 517 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We give you thanks, Gentle One, who has touched our souls. You have loved us from the moment of our first awakening, and have held us in joy and grief. Stay with us, we pray. Grace us with your

presence and with it the fullness of our own humanity. Help us to claim our strength and need, our awesomeness and fragile beauty, that encouraged by the truth we might work to restore compassion to the human family and renew the face of the earth. Amen

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 5: 21-43 pages 816-817

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Standing and Leaning" - A. L. Page  
& J. Schafferman

**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** "The Gift Of Your Spirit" - Traditional Scottish Melody

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

**ORGAN RESPONSE**

**MESSAGE** "Touching, Healing, Blessing" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "Immortal Love Forever Full" No. 424

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

## \*POSTLUDE

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

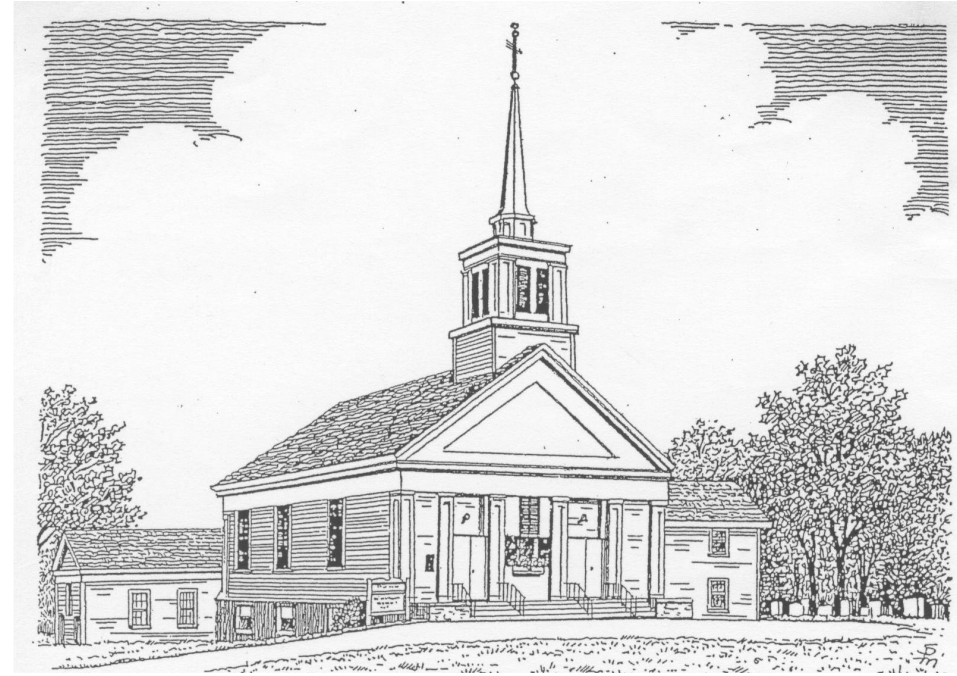
### Announcements

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 will be held today, socially distanced and in person, immediately following the 10:30 A. M. church service downstairs at coffee hour. 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.



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