

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor
Rev. William H. Duffe' - Guest Preacher
Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist
July 25, 2021

*"Control over thoughts is a long, painful, and laborious process.
But I am convinced that no time, no labor, and no pain is too
much for the glorious result to be reached." Gandhi*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, God has blessed us with the gift of
time.

People: Let us give this time to God in worship.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, God has blessed us with abilities of all
kinds.

**People: Let us use what we have to praise the God of our
creation.**

Pastor: May we use our time, our talent, and our treasure to glorify
God.

People: In this hour and in all the hours of our lives.

***HYMN** "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" No. 498

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Ever gracious God, with thanks we gather in this place to commune
with You and with one another. Bless our assembly with the
assurance of your presence. As we sing your praises, as we reflect
on the written word, and lift up our gratitude and our concerns, may

we find solace in this holy hour. Help us to lay aside all that disturbs
our journey of faith, that which blocks our relationship with You, and
that which minimizes our usefulness in Your service. Comfort us in
our unease, and challenge us to rise above the pride which
threatens to consume us. All this we lift up in the strong name of
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 14 page 430

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

GOSPEL READING John 6: 1-21 page 867

MESSAGE "Seeing the Future Through the Past" - Bill Duffe'

***HYMN** "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years" No 326

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

We are happy to welcome back Rev. William Duffe' to lead us in worship this morning. Bill will be with us again next week, as Pastor Rich is taking a couple of vacation weeks. We will be sharing communion together next Sunday, so those folks at home will want to have their bread and grape juice ready, if they wish to participate.

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

For the month of August we are focusing on collecting baking ingredients (flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, baking soda, spices, brownie mixes, etc.) for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

Sue Atherton is in charge of flowers for Sunday worship for the month of August. If anyone would like to provide flowers for any Sunday in August, please call Sue at 413-625-2659.

This is the last week to purchase tickets for the August Calendar Raffle Fundraiser. 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.

We look forward to welcoming new members: Gail Abbott, Larry Lesure, and Jody Scalise at an installation service as soon as Pastor Rich is back with us and the new members are able to attend.



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