

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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August 1, 2021

"A nation is great because it is good. If it ceases to be good, it ceases to be great." Alexis D'Toqueville

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is" - S. R. Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Children of God, come now to be blessed yet again.

People: We await the blessings that God has promised.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, share now the joy of community.

People: It is in community that we draw near to the throne of grace.

Pastor: As we celebrate communion, we recognize the presence of Christ.

People: Having been blessed in this community, we prepare then to bless others, for we are truly the body of Christ.

***HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 233

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty One, we await an awareness of your presence now in this sacred hour and we are humbled that despite our waywardness, you remain steadfast in your commitment to us. Having failed to tame the technology we have created; having laid waste our wildernesses and fouled the air we breathe; having allowed hate to replace love in our vocabulary and in our actions; and having fallen far short of your plans for us; we dare to confess our sins because

we know there is more mercy in You than there is sin in us. For your assurance of forgiveness, O God, we give you our thanks. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2 page 951

CHOIR ANTHEM "Here I Am Lord" - Daniel Schutte

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

GOSPEL READING John 6: 35, 41-51 page 868

MESSAGE "Consider Bread (If You Dare)" - Bill Duffe'

***HYMN** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" No. 220 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give you thanks, O God, for nourishing us with bread and cup and the presence of each other in this sacred hour. We especially give you thanks for the presence of Christ in our midst and for the secure knowledge that we belong to you even as the gift of Jesus

made us who we truly are. In Jesus' name, we are ever thankful,
Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Blest Be the Tie" No.207 (first verse)

***BENEDICTION**

***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. We will be sharing communion together today, so 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!

Pastor Rich will be back with us next Sunday. During the worship service next Sunday we will be welcoming Gail Abbott, Larry Lesure, and Jody Scalise into membership. We will also formally welcome Anne Stephanie who joined the church last year while we were not meeting in person.

The Shelburne Falls Military Band will hold concerts on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the month of August at the Band Shell at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School. Refreshments will be served at each concert with the Mary Lyon Church providing the refreshments at the August 11th concert. Concerts will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

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.



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