

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor
Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist
August 8, 2021 - New Members Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" - S. R. Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We come to encounter the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other.

People: And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our community and the world.

Pastor: So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

People: To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the Christ Spirit with fullness of heart.

***HYMN** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (insert vs. 1, 2 & 4)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, as we worship you, lead us into life in all its fullness. Help us to recognize that it is within you that we live and move and have our being. Let our laughter and our tears be instruments of prayer, and let the light of the world be born within us until we glow and radiate the love of the Christ Spirit, whose presence surrounds us, encourages us, and uplifts us during these trying times. Amen

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 16-17 page 878

CHOIR ANTHEM

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: Gail Abbot, Larry Lesure, and Jody Scalise

Some Words by Pastor Rich

COMMUNITY WELCOME

We welcome you Gail and Larry and Jody, with joy into our church community, and recognize that you are portable tabernacles of the Living Christ Spirit. We are grateful for the gifts and life experiences you bring into our midst. We promise to love you and support you as you learn from us, and we learn from you, what it means to be children of God together in the "Earth School." We promise to share with you the best of what we have experienced so far of God's presence and love, and to explore with you the best ways and means of becoming channels of God's blessings for all whom we meet. May our lives deepen and entwine during our time together at Mary Lyon Church. Amen

GIVING of SYMBOLS and CERTIFICATES OF CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP: by members of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee.

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

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21: 1-4 page 1007-1008

MESSAGE "Conscious Evolution: Personal and Planetary" - Rich

***HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
(insert vs. 1, 2 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

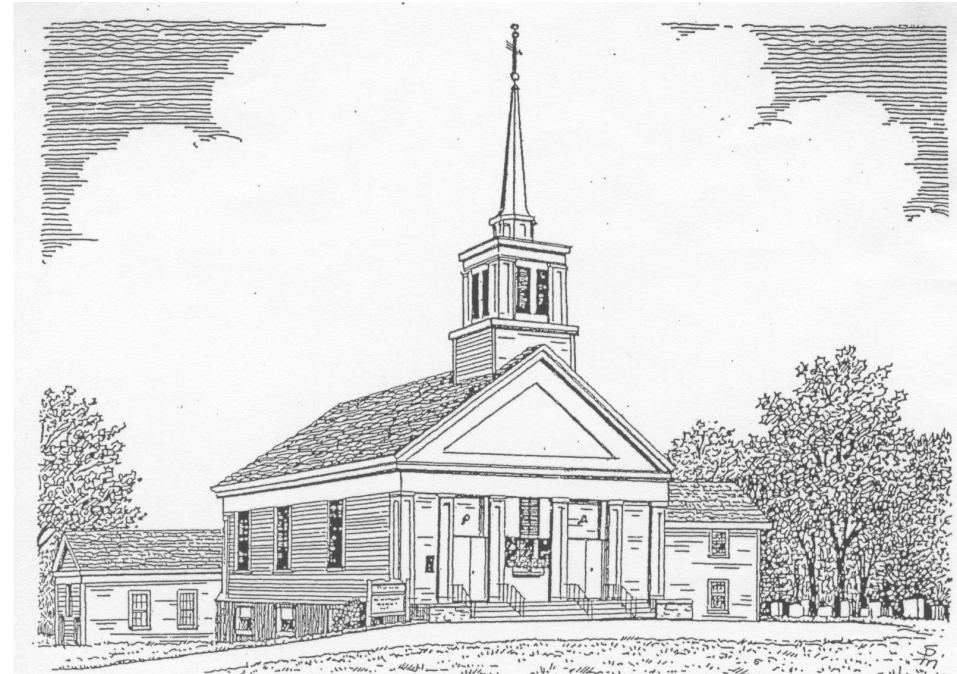
We are happy to have Pastor Rich back with us today. During worship this morning we will be officially welcoming Gail Abbott, Larry Lesure, and Jody Scalise into membership of the First Congregational Church of Buckland, more commonly known as The Mary Lyon Church.

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

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.

Enjoy the History of Buckland today 2pm to 4 pm open house at Buckland Historical Society Museum across the street and at 1775 Wilder Homestead on Route 112. Free.

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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