

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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August 15, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: O Holy Wisdom, Sophia, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice can be heard in the soft breeze, we need your strength and wisdom.

P: May we walk in beauty, may we recognize the hidden wholeness of your creation.

L: Make us wise that we may understand what you teach us.

P: Help us to learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

L: Make us always ready to come to you with open hands and hearts.

P: May your wisdom and guidance season our lives as they ripen into who you would have us be. Amen

***HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" No. 553

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** We are drawn together by Sophia, Wisdom of the universe, nature's intelligence, embodied in Jesus and present in all souls who gather at Her table. We gather to receive grace to give up our foolish ways, to walk in Her light, to delight in creation and in one another, as Sophia delights in us. May we open the gates of our souls, that Sophia may enter, making us friends of God and one another. We open to Her transforming power that moves us toward Christ Consciousness. Amen

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Selections from Proverbs 8 and Wisdom of Solomon 9:27-30 (Apocrypha)

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

MESSAGE: Sophia, Jesus and the wisdom Tradition, Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 55 vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

***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!

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. Concerts will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

Cyndie Stetson is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of August. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday this month, please contact Cyndie at 413-339-4231.

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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