

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**August 22, 2021**

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*"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."  
Abraham Lincoln*

*"Friends are the chocolate chips in the cookie of life"*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: God be in our minds and in our understanding.

**People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.**

Pastor: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

**People: God be in our hearts and in our loving.**

Pastor: God be present in all we do today.

**People: God surround us with light and grace always. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 350

### **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

We gather now, eyes wide open to wonder. As Moses turned aside to see the bush ablaze with eternal Presence, so in this sacred gathering do we turn aside to see the world charged with the grandeur and the glory of indescribable Mystery. We turn aside to see the beauty of each other, the goodness of this life, and the truth of a sacred Wisdom that knows: Earth to be holy; all creatures to be kin; the universe to be One; and Spirit to be a flaring presence, for all who turn aside to see. Amen

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 3: 1-6, 7-15 page 44

## **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**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 16: 12-17 page 879

**MESSAGE:** "Learning from Moses/ And Thoughts on the Importance of Friendships" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise" No. 36 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

## **\*POSTLUDE**

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

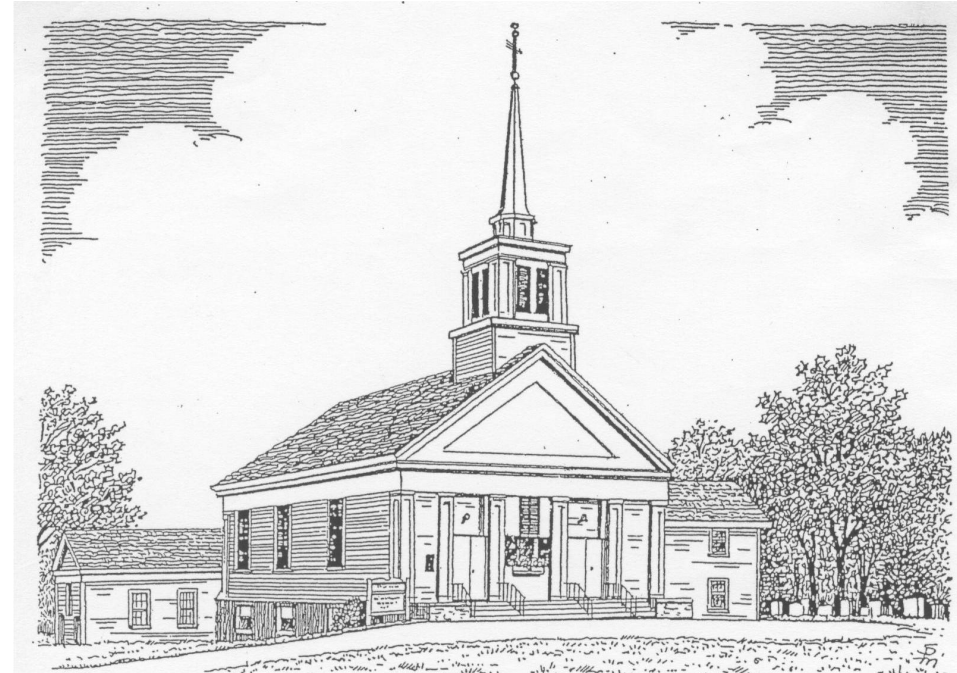
## Announcements

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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