

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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August 29, 2021

"Holiness is not a luxury for the few; it is a simple duty, because if we learn to love, we learn to be holy. True holiness consists in doing God's will with a smile." Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The world belongs to our Creator God.

People: The Earth and all its people.

Pastor: How good and lovely it is.

People: To live together in unity.

Pastor: Love and faithfulness meet.

People: Justice and peace embrace.

Pastor: Open our lips O God.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 25

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (E. E. Cummings)

I thank You, God, for most this amazing day: the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is yes. (I who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birthday of life and of love and wings; and of the gay, great happening illimitably earth). How should tasting, touching, hearing, seeing, breathing any- lifted from the no of all nothing- human merely being doubt unimaginable You? (*now*

the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened) Amen

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Pastor's Choice

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: Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE: "Entrances to the Holy in ourselves and in all creation"
Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 385

***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 beautiful flowers this morning are from Laurie Benoit in loving memory of her mom, Joanne Patnode Jayko. Laurie's mom died on this very day 13 years ago, August 29, 2008.

Luahn Page Fournier is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of September. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday this month, please contact Luahn at 413-320-3893.

For the month of September we are focusing on collecting cereal, especially hot cereals for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

The Windows Committee is having a Tag Sale at the house at Clesson River Farm (the Willis home) on Route 112 in Buckland on Sat, Sun, and Mon - Labor Day Weekend 9/4, 5, and 6 - from 9am to 3pm each day. Donations of gently used items (no large appliances, no large stuffed chairs or couches) will be gratefully accepted on Friday 9/3. For more information and/or to volunteer to help out please call Cyndie Stetson at 413-339-4231 or Judy Willis 413-625-2649.



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