

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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September 5, 2021

"Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream." Debby Boone

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Call To Worship" - Charles Walton

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God's Word has been living among us and in us!

People: We gather in the name of the living Christ Spirit.

Pastor: Long ago God spoke to our spiritual ancestors.

People: Today, God continues that revelation through Jesus.

Pastor: Jesus has named us as sisters and brothers.

People: We are called to recognize all humanity as Children of God. Amen

***HYMN** "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Bountiful God, we are filled with wonder and gratitude as we strive to realize our calling to tell the message of the gospel with our lives. Let the promises of Christ give us the freedom to leave behind all that hinders the coming of your realm on earth. Give us the courage and the peace of heart that comes from confidence in your care. Dispel the darkness in our lives with healing truth; make us ready for the new wine of the future. We ask this O Holy One of time and eternity, trusting that our times are in your hands. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Mark 4: 26-34 pages 815-816

CHOIR ANTHEM "In Heavenly Love Abiding" - David Paxton

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 "Prayer Response" - Charles W. Walton
Lord, have mercy upon us. Hear our prayer and grant us thy peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY "A Blessing Of Grace" - J. M. Martin

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" No. 572

GOSPEL READING Mark 7: 24-37 page 819

MESSAGE "Seeds of Sowing, Growing and Openings." - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 213

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We thank you Gracious God that we are guests at your table. As we have been fed by your gifts of life, so we will share with the world all that you give to us in love. Amen

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

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.

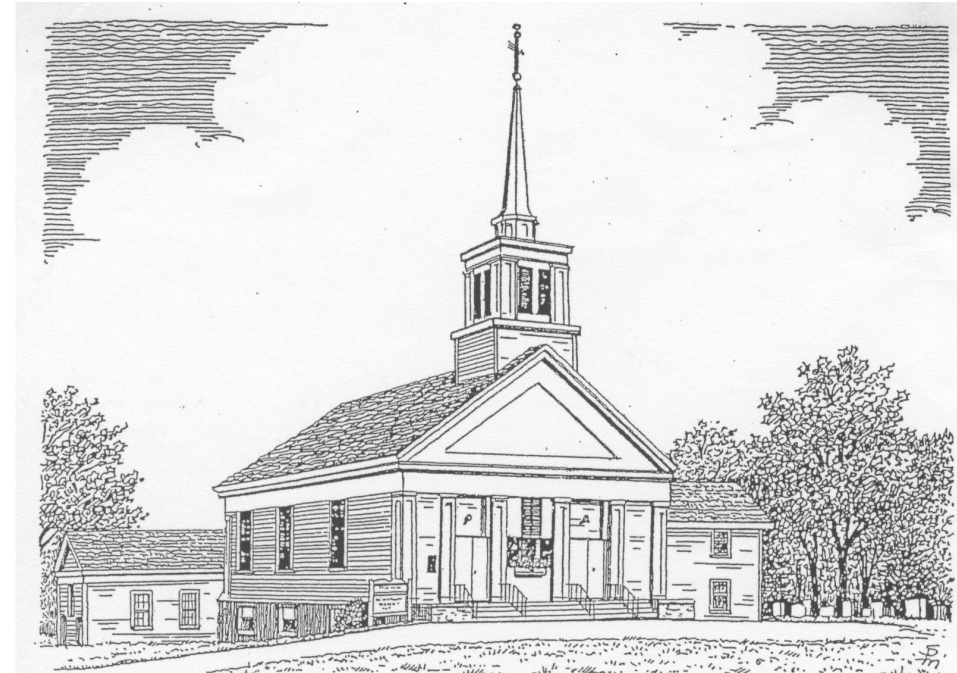
We will be having coffee hour downstairs after the worship service this morning. Everyone is welcome!

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. For more information and/or to volunteer to help out please call Cyndie Stetson at 413-339-4231 or Judy Willis 413-625-2649.

The Monday Nighters are having a meeting at the church on Friday, September 10th, 10:00 A.M. to plan for Silver Bell Bazaar. Friends of Monday Nighters, Silver Bell Bazaar Committee or anyone interested are all welcome to attend the meeting! Any questions? Call Luahn, 413.634.5451.



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