FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 19, 2021

"God calls us not to be successful, but to be significant. When we focus on significance, success is often part of the package." Tom Ziglar

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "We Are One In The Bond Of Love" - Otis Shillings

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

People: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.

Pastor: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's

presence in our midst.

People: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing. Amen

*HYMN "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me" No. 473 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Eternal Source of all life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to your love and your wholeness. Fill us with your compassionate Spirit, so that we can serve the whole world into which we are called. Help us recall that it is your breath that flows through us, your breath of creative love. Let us affirm your love, your life, and your work amid our everyday world. Help us to remember that love and justice are not words in the Bible on a shelf, but a kind of life that we are called this day and every day. Amen

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

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 50: 4-9 page 594

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Prayer For Healing" - J. M. Martin

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

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

ORGAN RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8: 27-38 page 820

MESSAGE: "Just Who Are You Jesus? And to What Do you call us to be?" - Rich Fournier

*HYMN "I Can Hear My Savior Calling" No. 369 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be With You till We Meet Again"

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

According to the new protocols for the town of Buckland, for the time being we are required to wear masks while entering and exiting the church or moving around in general. Once we are seated, socially distanced from folks not in our immediate "bubble", we may remove our masks if we feel comfortable doing so. At this time for everyone's safety, we will not be having coffee hour after the worship service.

The beautiful flowers on the communion table are from Tina in loving memory of her father, Charlie Raymond, whose birthday was September 16th.

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.



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