

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

**September 26, 2021**

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*"You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body."*

*C. S. Lewis*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "Arise, Your Light Is Come" - Festal Song

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love.

**People: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.**

Pastor: We are gathered to hear stories and songs of the Christ Spirit.

**People: Stories and songs that renew us again and again.**

**ALL: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, whose presence abides in us, and renews us. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Walking in Sunlight All of My Journey" No. 403

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Your gift of life is a source of joy for us, O God, but the challenge to grow often weighs us down. Give us the courage to live our lives fully and with integrity. Inspire us with new ways to serve you and one another as we realize that we have the power to uplift the spirit and hope in others. Let all that we do radiate our faith and trust in your love for us. Bless all who encourage us on the way, as together we strive for the unity that is yours. Amen

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 5: 14 pages 951-952

**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** "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** John 1: 14,16 page 862

**MESSAGE** "Soul Seeing" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "When Peace Like a River Attendeth" No. 401 (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

The two lovely floral bouquets are in loving memory of Summer Steele and William Paul Clark. One bouquet is given by Tom & Pat and Jamie, Shane & Lilly Chase in loving five-year memory of William Clark who passed away on September 25th, and who was born on December 13th. The other bouquet is from Bunny Doneilo and family in memory of Summer Steele who would have turned 14 today, September 26th. It has been five years since these two beautiful, young children were taken from us, but they continue to touch the lives of all who knew and loved them.

Pastor Rich will be taking next Sunday off for vacation. Rev. William Duffe will be preaching on October 3rd, and we will be celebrating World Wide Communion together.

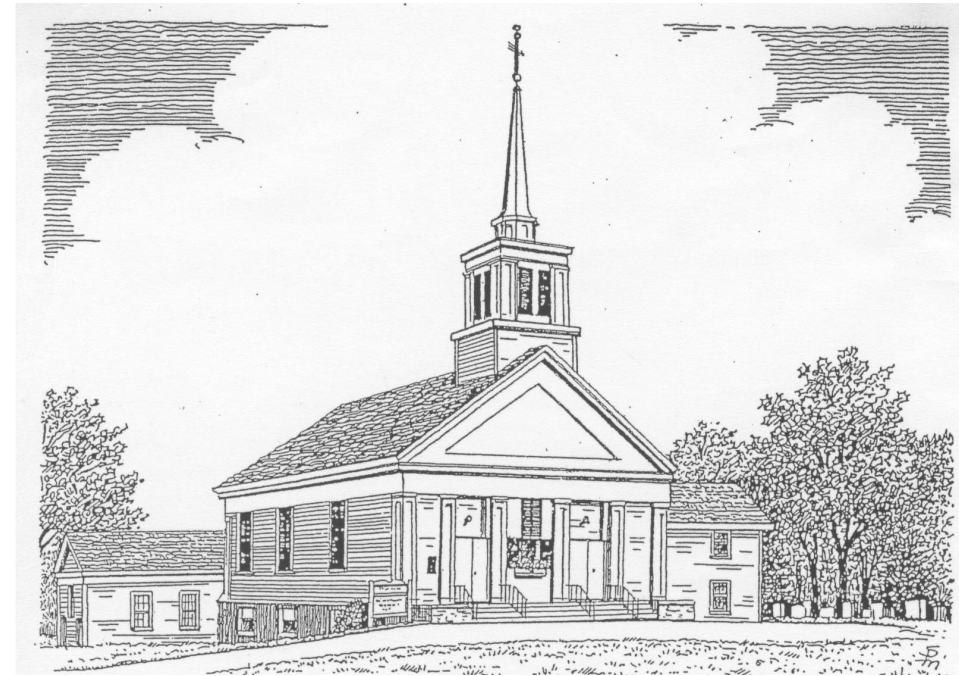
Tina Peters is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of October. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday in October, please contact Tina at 413-625-9629.

For the month of October we are focusing on collecting pasta and sauce for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

The Monday Nighters are once again selling raffle tickets to be drawn at the Silver Bell Bazaar on November 20, 2021! This year's prizes are:

- 1st prize - Barbara Scott's Grandmother's Quilt finished by the Monday Nighters
- 2nd prize - a print of Cyndie Stetson's watercolor painting "Autumn Barn"
- 3rd prize - Christmas themed pillow using the "Around the World" quilt pattern.

Tickets are 3 for \$5 or one for \$2 and are available at Atherton Farm, from Luahn Page, (413) 634.5451, and will be sold at the Silver Bell Bazaar.



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