

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

October 3, 2021 - World Wide Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Children of God, draw near to one another in Jesus' name.

People: As a child of God, I seek to be with others of like mind.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, parents and children, reaffirm by your presence, your place in this family.

People: We rejoice to celebrate the family where we are gathered.

Pastor: Drawn together in community, we are the body of Christ in this place and in places and circumstances throughout the world.

People: We joyfully embrace the entire Christian communion and welcome all those who have not yet found their spiritual home.

Pastor: Let us therefore worship together.

***HYMN** "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Ever gracious God, in your presence now we come before you in prayer. O God, whose spirit keeps working in us and calling us to a loving community, we confess how often we have refused to acknowledge the wind of your Spirit blowing in our lives because we were not expecting it. We confess that we have been far more responsive to other winds, winds of success and popularity, winds of anxiety and despair; winds of controversy and violence. We have often forgotten why we are and whose we are. It has seemed easier

to extinguish a spark than to give ourselves to the transforming fire as a witness of a new order. Forgive us all that is past, and in this time of worship, help us find the courage to open ourselves in an act of awareness of the presence of the Spirit's wind in all of life. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 8 page 427

CHOIR ANTHEM "Love Has Made Us One" - Karen Crane

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

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1: 1-3a, 2: 5-12 page 970 & 971
2 Timothy 1: 1-14 page 966

MESSAGE "Thinking of Communion" - Bill Duffe'

***HYMN** "As We Gather at Your Table" (insert)

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We give you thanks, O God, for nourishing us with bread and cup and the presence of each

other in this sacred hour. We especially give you thanks for the presence of Christ in our midst and for the secure knowledge that we belong to you even as the gift of Jesus made us who we truly are. In Jesus' name, we are ever thankful, Amen.

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

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

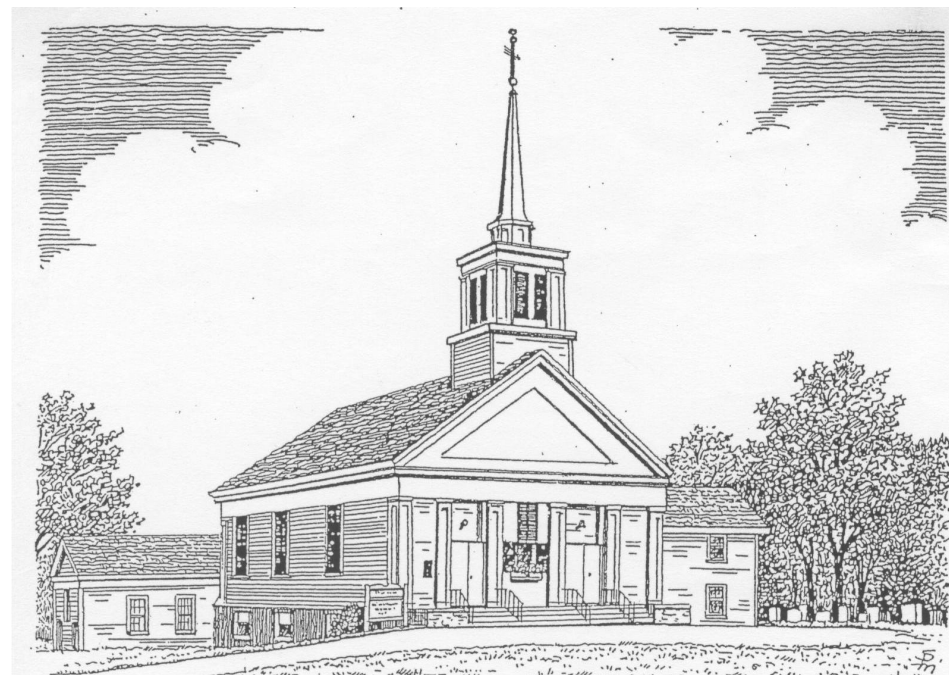
We are happy to welcome back Rev. William Duffe' to lead us in worship this morning. We will be sharing communion together today, so folks at home will want to have their bread and grape juice ready, if they wish to participate.

Our October newsletter was mailed and emailed earlier this week. Several copies are available on the table in the entryway.

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.

The HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry in Ashfield has new hours - 3 to 5 PM every other Tuesday. For the month of October our church is focusing on collecting pasta and sauce for the pantry.

The Public Hall Committee is having a Tag Sale at 66 Upper Street in Buckland (across from the post office and Farm Stand) on Sat, Sun, and Mon - Columbus Day Weekend 10/9, 10/10, and 10/11 - from 9am to 4pm each day. Donations of gently used items (please no large furniture, large electronics or car seats) will be gratefully accepted from Sunday 10/3 - Friday 10/8 by appointment. For more information and/or to volunteer to help out please email at bucklandpublichall@gmail.com or call Annie 413-320-1615.



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