

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**October 17, 2021**

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*"Autumn is a second Spring, when every leaf is a flower."  
Albert Camus*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Let our minds ponder the manifold works of God.

**People: Let our spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.**

Pastor: Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination.

**People: Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.**

**ALL: We are enfolded in the season of the earth, and  
embedded in the seasons of our lives. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" No. 58

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

For this day's gift, its mystery, and its hope, we praise thee O God.

For the season that surrounds us, the gray air, the leaning sun,  
leaves spilled and laughter, we praise thee, O God. For the  
ministries of healing, the body mended, the heart made glad, and  
the mind set free, we praise thee, O God. For Thyself, whom we  
see in Jesus Christ, our mercy, our guide, and our peace we praise  
thee, O God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8a pages 537-538

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Heaven Medley" - arranged by Dennis Allen  
(includes "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", "When We All  
Get to Heaven", and "I'll Fly Away")

**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

**READING** Pastor's Choice

**MESSAGE** "Seasons Around Us and Within Our Lives - Rich  
Fournier

**\*HYMN** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" (insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

## Announcements

The beautiful flowers are from Carl and Janet in loving memory of her mom, Edie Gerry, who would have turned 98 on October 19th.

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 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 the Atherton Farm, from Luahn Page, (413) 634.5451, and will be sold at the Silver Bell Bazaar.



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