

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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October 31, 2021

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." James Baldwin

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - H. H. Lemme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O God, we come before you with open hearts and ears.

People: Please speak to us and through us your life-giving Word.

Pastor: Speak through our silence and worship, our singing and praying, our greetings and fellowship.

People: There is nothing that does not contain your Word, your invitation to abundant life and love.

Pastor: So this morning on the 31st of October Halloween Day, may the extraordinary reach of your love touch us...

People: And lead us into the timeless Now of your presence in our lives. Amen

***HYMN** "Speak, Lord, in the Stillness" No. 360

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

O Ingenious God, we rejoice in your creation, and pray that your Spirit enters us so deeply that we will find a sense of self which makes us glad to be who we are, and yet restless at being anything less than what we truly can become. Give us simplicity of vision in these complex times. Make us clear enough not to mistake busyness as progress; honest enough to realize that not all change is transformation; brave enough to not sing all of our songs in

private; compassionate enough to risk helping people; humble enough to admit trouble and ask for help; joyful enough to celebrate all of it, ourselves and others, and You, through Jesus the Christ.
Amen

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

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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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

OFFERTORY

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

GOSPEL READING Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "Renewing the Sacred Life-Force Within Us" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "For All the Saints" No. 533

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE "The God Of Heaven Bless You" - K. Bible

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Our November calendar/newsletter was mailed and emailed to all of our contacts earlier this week. Several copies are available on the table in the entryway.

Tina would love to find a co-editor or editors to be responsible for the calendar a few times annually to give her a month or two or three off. She'd love to hear from anyone who might like to help with this publication.

Tina will be contacting everyone who signed up for flowers each month during 2021 to see if they would like to continue in 2022 with the same month, a different month, or not at all so she can publish the 2022 schedule. We do need someone to volunteer for January. If you would like to cover the Sundays in January 2022 please call Tina at 413-625-9629.

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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