

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor  
Daphne Bye - Guest Pianist  
**November 14, 2021**

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - C. F. Alexander

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Arise people of faith, that the Living Christ will give us life.

**People: This is the day of meeting in the Christ-Sophia Spirit.**

Pastor: We reach out for health and wholeness and Your presence.

**People: We embrace one another with concern and care.**

Pastor: God is attentive to us and hears our longings and hopes.

**People: The Word of life is ours to receive, the Good News is ours to share. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 43 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God of such truth as sweeps away all lies, of such grace that shrivels all excuses, come now to find us, for we have lost ourselves in worry and anxiety. Let your spirit move mercifully to recreate us from the chaos of our lives. Let your mercy move in us and among us now, freeing us to love honestly, enabling us to trust bravely, reuniting us to live joyfully, and claiming us for the audacious revolution of a new heaven and a new earth bathed in your healing love. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Mark 5: 1-20 page 816

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "He's My Friend" - J. Rasley & W. Thompson

**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** "A Key to the Kingdom" - Roger Wilson

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**MESSAGE** "Healing, Wholeness, and New Life" - Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "Purer in Heart, O God" No. 389

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

We are happy to welcome back our dear friend, Daphne Bye, as our guest pianist this morning.

The Annual Meeting of our local Franklin Association is this afternoon at 2pm at the First Congregational Church of Ashfield.

The meeting and service will be in person and via Zoom. We hope all churches will be represented, and everyone is welcome to attend not just delegates.

The Silver Bell bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 am until 3 pm in the downstairs of the church and also the Buckland Public Hall. If you have any craft items, please let Cyndie know at 339-4231. We are also having a bake sale, so please consider making something for the bake sale table. The Monday Nighters are once again selling raffle tickets.

There will be a Christmas Carol Sing & Concert at the JaDuke Performing Arts Center in Turners Falls, on December 4th at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to this FREE event. The singing will include many favorite Christmas carols, as well as selections from the 4D1G Gospel Quartet, and other gifted singers and musicians.

#### HELP WANTED

Our church cleaner completed her last month with us in September. Therefore, we need a solution for keeping our beloved building clean. Volunteers cleaned the church during October. If you know of someone who might be interested in the job or volunteering to clean the church, please refer them to Judy Willis at 413-625-2649. It takes 1 – 2 hours per week and the rate of pay is currently \$14.00 per hour. Or, if you would like to volunteer, sign up with a friend to make it go faster and have fun. A list of duties will be provided. Please contact Judy Willis if you are interested in the job or volunteering.

For the past several years we have dedicated our December newsletter/calendar to the people we especially miss during the holiday season. If you would like your loved one to be included in this special memorial section to publish next month, please be in touch with Tina no later than Wed. 11/24 at noon. Call her at 413-625-9629 or email [info@marylyonchurch.org](mailto:info@marylyonchurch.org).



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