

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life;  
love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it."  
by Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Over My Head" - African-American Traditional

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God is calling, do you not hear?

**People: We are being called by name, for a purpose.**

Pastor: Among the many competing calls, discern God's voice.

**People: We will not confuse the ways of the world with God's Way.**

Pastor: God knows the leanings of our hearts.

**People: Our hearts yearn for God and for peace and justice.**

**\*HYMN** "Lead On Eternal Sovereign" (insert)

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, all peoples are your Beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, we are one people under God. We are all manifestations of your image. We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny. You call us into your unending work of justice, peace, and love. Let us know and feel your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity that offers glimpses of the mosaic of creation's beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and inspire us toward the Beloved Community. Under the shadow of your wings in this hour may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope. We ask this inspired by the example of your disciple Martin Luther King, Jr., who followed the Way of Jesus. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Amos 5: 21-24 page 747

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Like a Mighty River" - Michael Barrett

## 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** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

## OFFERTORY

**SCRIPTURE READING** Pastor's Choice

**MESSAGE** "His Dream, Our Dream, God's Dream" – Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "We Shall Overcome" (insert - vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6)

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" -  
J. P. Huber

## \*POSTLUDE

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

## Announcements

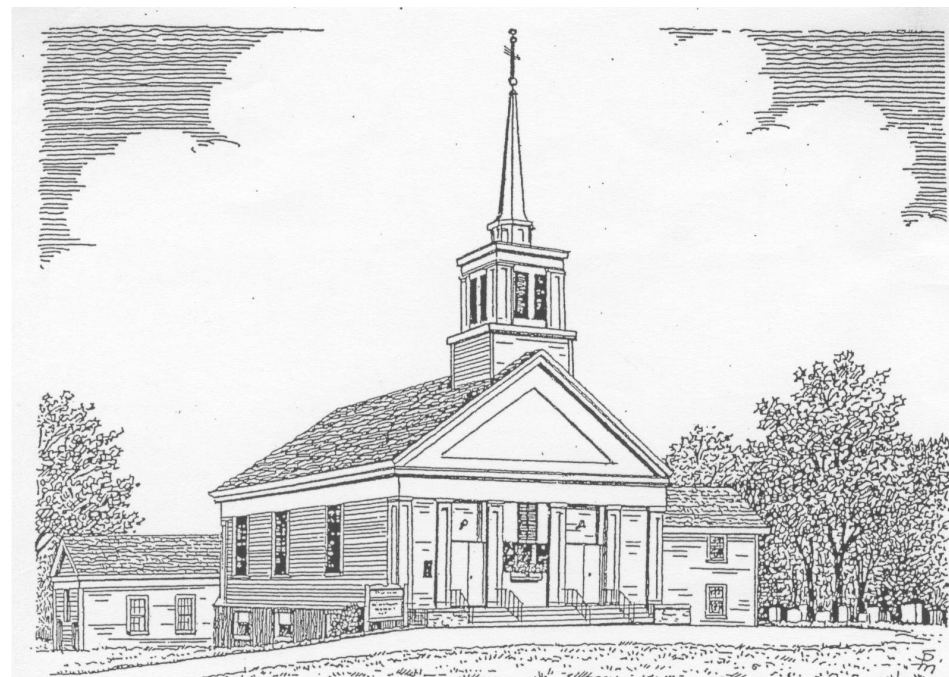
The flowers on the altar are from Bunny in loving memory of her cousin, Jack Andrews, who passed away a year ago on January 7th, due to many complications and Covid. Bunny is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of January, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday this month call Bunny at 413-772-6684.

We are collecting soup and crackers for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry this month.

Because of the cancellation of church last Sunday, Committees' and Officers' written reports for the year 2021 are due TODAY. Reports may be left at the church on the table in the entryway, on Willis's porch, or emailed to Judy Willis at [judywillis56@gmail.com](mailto:judywillis56@gmail.com) Copies of reports will be available to members next Sunday, January 23rd.

The abbreviated **Annual Meeting** is scheduled to be held on January 30th, immediately following the regular 10:30 Sunday morning worship service. The meeting will be held socially distanced in-person and will be broadcast via Zoom. The only items to be reviewed and voted on at the meeting will be the 2022 Budget and any other pressing financial concerns, the list of Officers and Committees for 2022, and the revised By-Laws with minimal changes. All other Committee and Officer Reports will be held for a later date, as was done last year. If you have any questions, please contact Moderator Paul Willis at 413-625-2649.

The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped pay for all of the new pew Bibles that they recently purchased for the Church. The support was overwhelming, and all of the Bibles have been reserved in memory or honor of someone. Judy Willis has graciously taken care of filling out the book plates, so you can look forward to seeing the new Bibles in the pews next Sunday.



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