

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**February 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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*"Communion is strength; solitude is weakness. Alone, the fine old beech yields to the blast and lies prone on the meadow. In the forest, supporting each other, the trees laugh at the hurricane. The sheep of Jesus flock together. The social element is the genius of Christianity."*

*by Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "With Joyful Singing, Praise God" - F. Schubert

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Jesus has called us the salt of the earth.

**People: Let us remain flavorful and distinctive.**

Pastor: Jesus has called us the light of the world.

**People: Let us shine brightly in the midst of darkness.**

Pastor: We have been called a city on a hill.

**ALL: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God! Amen**

**\*HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 1 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we have come together in prayer, knowing you are present in our midst. We wish to know you better and worship you with joy. We offer ourselves as followers of your way and to be good neighbors to one another. We trust in you with all our heart. We praise you for all you have given us. We are happy that we are together in this worship service. We believe in the power of prayer and its ability to call everyone to the fullness of life. Jesus, fill us

with your love. We belong to you today, tomorrow and forever. Amen. (*Women's World Day of Prayer, 1988, written by women from Madagascar*)

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 6: 1-8 (blk 551-552, red 553)

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Celtic Communion" - arr. by Mark Hayes

## 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** Luke 5: 1-11 (blk 831, red 836)

**MESSAGE** "A Surprising Catch"— Rich Fournier

**\*COMMUNION HYMN** "Behold the Lamb" (insert)

## COMMUNION

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name and power of the Living Christ Spirit whose presence is everywhere. Amen

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 207

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

### Announcements

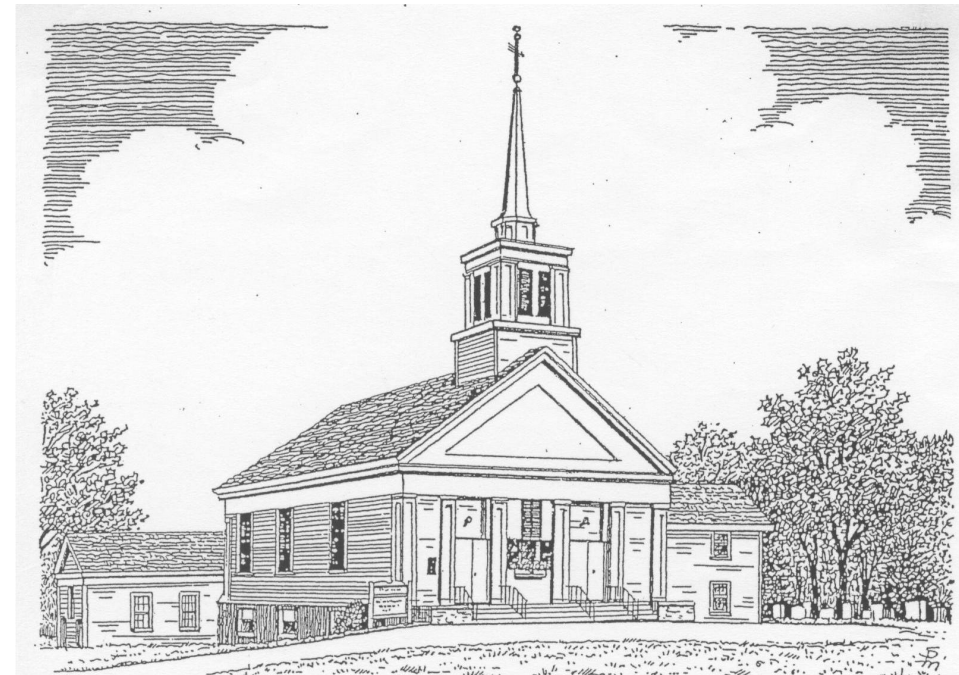
The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Penny and Doug in loving memory of Penny’s mom and Doug’s dad, Connie Rice and Jim Mollison.

Penny Mollison is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of February, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday in February call Penny at 413-628-3231.

We are collecting baking ingredients, such as flour, sugar, salt, baking powder/soda, spices, chocolate chips, etc, for the Hilltown Churches’ Food Pantry for the month of February.

For the month of February there will be a “No Bake, Bake Sale” fundraiser. The idea is that you would donate the money it would cost you to bake something for a bake sale. Please send donations to treasurer, Judy Willis, with a notation on your check “No Bake, Bake Sale.”

Mike and Evelyn King are now settled into their new home at Armbrook Village in Westfield. Their address and phone number is on an insert in today’s bulletin. It would be nice to send them a card or a little note.



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