FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church Phone: 625-9440 Pastor's Phone: (413) 634-5451 Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist February 13, 2022

"The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention." Anonymous

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship.

People: God has said to us, "You are my people, I am your God."

Pastor: Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is reioicing.

People: The words ring out with a glad cry, "I am your God. You are my people close to my heart." Amen

***HYMN** "Take Time to Be Holy" No. 392

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, we praise you that when we gather in your name, you are in our midst to challenge and renew us; that when we risk even small acts of justice, you multiply the loaves and fishes of our deeds; that when we seek the demanding way of peace, we are found by a peace, a hope, an empowerment that the world cannot give or take away. In that peace and power, dear God, we take hopeful heart, walk on without fainting, and find our way with your guiding light. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 (blk 433, red 424)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Yes, He Is Our God" - K. Crane & J. Klein

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 "Love Grows Here" - D. Besig

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6: 17-26 (blk 833, red 838)

MESSAGE "Surprising Teaching" – Rich Fournier

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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Lord, Let Us Now Depart In Peace" - G. Whelpton

*POSTLUDE

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

<u>Announcements</u>

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."

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc. sent the Mary Lyon Church a letter thanking us for allowing them to put one of their clothing sheds here at our church. Last year they collected a total of over 40 million pounds of clothing from all of their sheds. 10,032 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed alone, which was enough to clothe an estimated 1,848 people all over the world. The Missions Committee received \$401 for these donations. So keep cleaning out your closets and filling our shed! Many people benefit from your no longer needed clothing.

Mike and Evelyn King are now settled into their new home at Armbrook Village in Westfield. Their address and phone number is pinned to the bulletin board in the entryway. It would be nice to send them a card or a little note.



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