

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 20, 2022 - Epiphany 7

*"Then give to the world the best that you have,
and the best will come back to you."
(a line from the poem "Life's Mirror" by
Madeline S. Bridges)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God has created us, called us from our mother's wombs
and formed us as a people.

**People: No longer are we lonely individuals, but part of the
whole human race, living and sharing with others.**

Pastor: We discover life, bit by bit through experiences, learning
through our mistakes and triumphs, through our
compassion and love.

**People: It is a gift from God. Laugh, cry, sing, be silent; in
whatever way we live, embrace it fully from your heart
and warm the hearts of others, and take nothing for
granted, for the Grace of the spirit is in you and goes
with you. Amen**

***HYMN** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 13
(vs. 1, 2 & 3)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Holy One, gentle Spirit, grant us an ease to breathe deeply into
this moment, this light, this miracle of now. Beneath the din and fury
of great movements and harsh news and urgent crises, make us
attentive still to good news, to small occasions, and grace to what is

possible for us to be, to do, to give, to receive, that we may miss
neither our neighbor's gifts, or a stranger's need. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 (blk 37, red 37)

SPECIAL MUSIC Jody Scalise

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 "Here In This Place" - P. Mock

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6: 27-38 (blk 833, red 838)

MESSAGE "Something Old, Something New" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Your Ways Are Not Our Own" (insert)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Sing Your Way Home" - J. M. Martin
& A. Dvorak

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

We welcome Jody Scalise who will be sharing one of his songs with us this morning. Thank you, Jody.

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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