# 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 27, 2022 - Transfiguration Sunday

"The Transfiguration was a physical illustration of what the renewed mind looks like in the spiritual." Bill Johnson

### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: The Glory of God transfigures the everyday. **People: The light of God transfigures familiar faces.**Pastor: At the heights of our worship, may God's presence

shine through the commonplace.

People: At the depths of our pain and struggle may God's presence give us courage and peace.

ALL: May God's light shining in and through the face of Christ illumine all our days! Amen.

\*HYMN "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (insert)

#### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Speak to us, dear God, for we are ready and eager to listen. Bless us as we choose to follow the Way of Christ. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light to us in the Christ Spirit. Shine in us now. Let us feel and absorb and radiate your glory. Lift us up to the mountaintop that we may see further, that there is yet love in this crazy world, for we have experienced it, and even risked it, little by little. We thank you for it and ask for larger hearts, more daring spirits, more permeable

time, more generous intentions, and more inclusive communities. Amen.

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Exodus 34: 29-35 (blk 72, red 71-72)

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord" - David J. Evans

## **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** "Jubilate (Let Us Praise You)" - W. A. Mozart & arranged by Alan Bullard

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 9: 28-36 & 37-43a (blk 838, red 843)

**MESSAGE** "The Shining Radiance" – Rich Fournier

\*HYMN "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" (insert - vs. 1, 2 & 3)

\*BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE

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

## **Announcements**

Gail Abbott is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of March, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday in March call Gail at 413-628-4046.

We are collecting canned meats (hash, spam, pork & beans, beef stew, chicken, tuna, pasta with meatballs, etc.) for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of March.

The Missions Committee sent a donation from the church to the Sisum family in Colrain who recently suffered from a major house fire. They received the following letter in response: "To All at Mary Lyon Church, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your donation to me and my family. Sincerely, Maria Sisum"



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