

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist

**April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Communion**

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*"One today is worth two tomorrows, lost time is never found again. Time is money. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff that life is made of. You may delay, but time will not."*

*Benjamin Franklin*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "What Wondrous Love Is This" - Southern Harmony

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Unison)

The Spirit of God calls to us with sighs too deep for words.  
The Spirit of God calls to us, claiming us and summoning us to become more than we now are, calling us by name, knowing us by heart. Amen

**\*HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (insert)

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Steadfast lover of humanity, we come to you as those who search for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. We seek to base our lives on the love of the Living Christ Spirit, that from day to day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, in loving one another and this world of many peoples. Through your Spirit, build our church into a living example, a sign of your presence on earth, and a sure foundation for the future. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Luke 15: 1-10 (blk 845, red 850)

## CHOIR ANTHEM

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

## OFFERTORY

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15: 11-32 (blk 846, red 850-851)

**MESSAGE** "Lost and Found" – Rich Fournier

**\*COMMUNION HYMN** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" No. 220

## COMMUNION

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give you thanks, God of abundant life, for bread and friendship and hope. With these gifts of your grace, we are nourished. With these signs of your presence, we are able to be faithful. Continue then to nourish us, inspire us, and call us, that we might help make your reign more of a reality in our day. Amen.

**\*FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE CHURCH**

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

**\*PASS THE BLESSING AROUND - BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

### Announcements

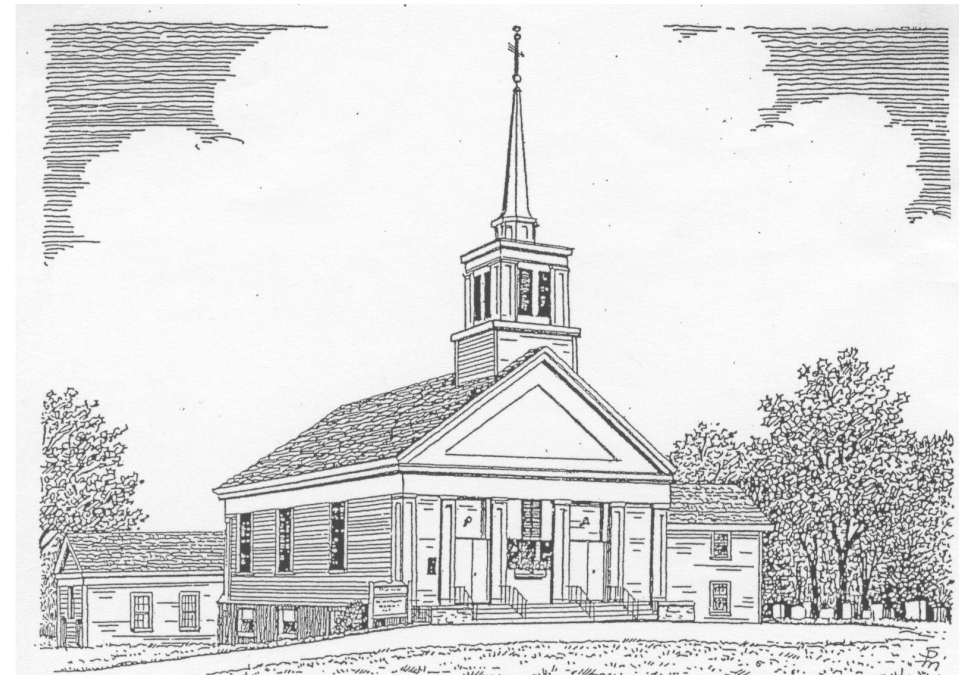
Anyone who feels comfortable joining in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments is welcome to come downstairs for coffee hour following the Worship Service this morning.

The beautiful flowers on the altar are given by Anita in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Martha Upright, and her neighbor and friend, Peg Mowry, who were both born on April 3rd.

Spring cleaning in time for Easter! A group will gather at the church Friday, April 8th, at 9:30 a.m. for a cleaning-fest to get the church spruced up. Volunteers can just show up if you would like to join in.

We are collecting pasta and sauce for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of April. The 5th and 19th from 3 - 5 P.M. are the distribution times for the month of April.

The choir members are in charge of flowers for the month of April. We would love to have your plants and flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, April 17th. You will have to take responsibility for purchasing your own plants and getting them to the church yourself on Saturday, April 16th between 12 - 2 so that they can be arranged in the sanctuary. Please be sure your plant(s) are labeled with your name so you can easily identify and collect them after the worship service on Sunday. If your plant is in honor or memory of a loved one whose name you'd like included in the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin, please be sure to contact Anita Upright with the details no later than Thursday, April 14th. Call her at 413-625-6481 or email her at [CandAupright@hotmail.com](mailto:CandAupright@hotmail.com)



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