

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O Raise Your Glad Voices" - Welsh Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP: (UNISON)

Christ crucified and risen, is set free, from one time for all times, from one community for all communities, for females and males, for one culture to all cultures, from one world, for all worlds, from life as one individual, for life within every trusting heart. Amen

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 163

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of such amazing surprises as to put a catch in our breath and wings on our hearts, we praise you for this joy too great for words, but not for tears and songs and sharing: for this mercy which blots out our betrayals, and bids us begin again, to limp on, to hop-skip and jump on, to mend what is broken in and around us, and to forgive the breakers; for this YES to life and laughter, to love and lovers, and to our unwinding selves; for this kingdom unleashed within us, and we in it forever; and no dead ends to growing, to choice, to chances, to call to be just, no dead ends to living, to making peace, to making dreams, to being glad of heart for this resurrection madness which is wiser than we are, and in which we see how loving you are and how full of grace. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65: 17-25 (blk 601, red 607-608)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Acclamation For Easter" - Jon Paige

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" No. 585

OFFERTORY "My Lord, What A Morning" - Arr. by Roger C. Wilson

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 1-12 (blk 855- 856, red 860)

MESSAGE "The Ongoing Resurrections" - Rich Fournier

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS "Somewhere"

(from West Side Story) First time through sung by the choir and second time everyone join in.

There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us.
Peace and quiet and open air wait for us somewhere.
There's a time for us, someday a time for us.
Time together with time to spare, time to learn, time to care.
Someday, somewhere - We'll find a new way of living,
We'll find a way of forgiving, somewhere.
There's a place for us, a time and place for us.
Hold my hand and we're halfway there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there, somehow, someday,
somewhere.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "He Is Lord" - Traditional

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

There will not be a coffee hour after church today so that everyone can get home to spend Easter with their families.

There will be a Benefit Brass Ensemble Concert next Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. here at the church. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds are to benefit the Capital Campaign for the Mary Lyon Church. You definitely will not want to miss this outstanding performance! Free refreshments downstairs will follow the concert.

If you brought in a plant or flowers, please be sure to pick them up after the worship service this morning.

Happy Easter!



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