

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 24, 2022 - Easter 2

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things
with great love." Mother Teresa*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" - D. Fisher

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from 1 John 3)

Pastor: Beloved, we are God's children now, enveloped in God's love;

People: What we will become has not yet fully manifested.

Pastor: But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be Christlike.

Pastor: For now we see as in a glass darkly, but then face to face. Amen

***HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection" No. 168

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (adapted from Bruce Sanguin)

O Holy One, how quickly we slip back into conformance to this world; Easter happened last weekend, and already we're living off leftovers. We have returned to our routines, and locked ourselves into familiar patterns as the disciples locked themselves behind closed doors. It is good news indeed that there is no hiding from the Risen One. He comes as Destiny's servant, walking through walls of fear, breathing the fire of the Holy Spirit into our hesitant hearts and offering us a peace which surpasses all understanding: the peace of renewed purpose, of a blessed unrest, of realizing that the Easter story is about our own resurrection after all, and that there is

work to done: proclaiming God's love, healing the brokenhearted, speaking out for creation, and above all, opening to the evolving push and pull of the Spirit's call. O Risen One, breathe on us, set us on fire and send us out, that we might rise from our graves of fear and go forth boldly as your Easter people. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Revelations 1: 4-8 (blk 1001, red 994-995)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Hallelujah, Jesus Lives!" - Robert J. Hughes

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 Join in singing Hymn No. 171 "Thine Is the Glory"

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 20: 19-31 (blk 879, red 883)

MESSAGE "Breath and Peace" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" No.161 (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "We Go In Peace" - Keith Christopher

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.

Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 - 12:00

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual spring clean up of the Trow, Taylor, Center, and Upper City cemeteries by blowing/raking leaves, and picking up sticks and other winter debris. Bring your tarps, clippers, rakes, gloves, or just yourself to provide a couple of hours of community service. Meet in front of the church at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday April 30th. For more information contact BUCA President Laurie Benoit email her at lbenoit@outlook.com

Next Sunday, May 1st, we will be celebrating communion together.

May 8th is Blanket Sunday. We will have a special collection to support Church World Services in the effort to help people in need. Money collected will purchase blankets for people in crisis due to natural disasters or homelessness. The blankets can be used as bedding, ponchos, or shelter.

For the month of May we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

Anita Upright is in charge of flowers for Sunday Morning Worship for the month of May. Anyone wishing to contribute flowers any Sunday in May please call Anita at 413-625-6481 or email her at CandAupright@hotmail.com



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