

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 8, 2022 - Easter 4

Mother's Day - Blanket Sunday

"Successful mothers are not the ones that have never struggled; they are the ones that never give up despite the struggles." Sharon Jaynes

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives that we may be quieted into God's presence.

People: May the love of God flow through our worship words and songs that they may be alive and enlivening.

Pastor: May we remember our mothers this day with gratitude, for they were the channels through whom we all entered the earth school.

People: We worship the living Christ Spirit who inhabits our world and permeates our lives. Amen

***HYMN** "Gracious Savior, Who Didst Honor" No. 530 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us be glad in the ways of God who presides among stars yet teaches the human heart, who gives the seasons that both people and nations may know and acknowledge the rhythms of life, who authors the mystery of our freedom, and risks the divine love among our human choices, who intends that each one shall go without fear and that all shall share the music of the deep heaven, who gathers us to learn together who we really are, and how we might more

clearly hear and discern the "Still, small voice of God" calling us into the fullness of life and love. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 1: 39-46 (blk 827, red 831-832)

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 24: 36b-48 (blk 856-857, red 861)

MESSAGE "Roads Taken and Not Taken" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 85 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

*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.

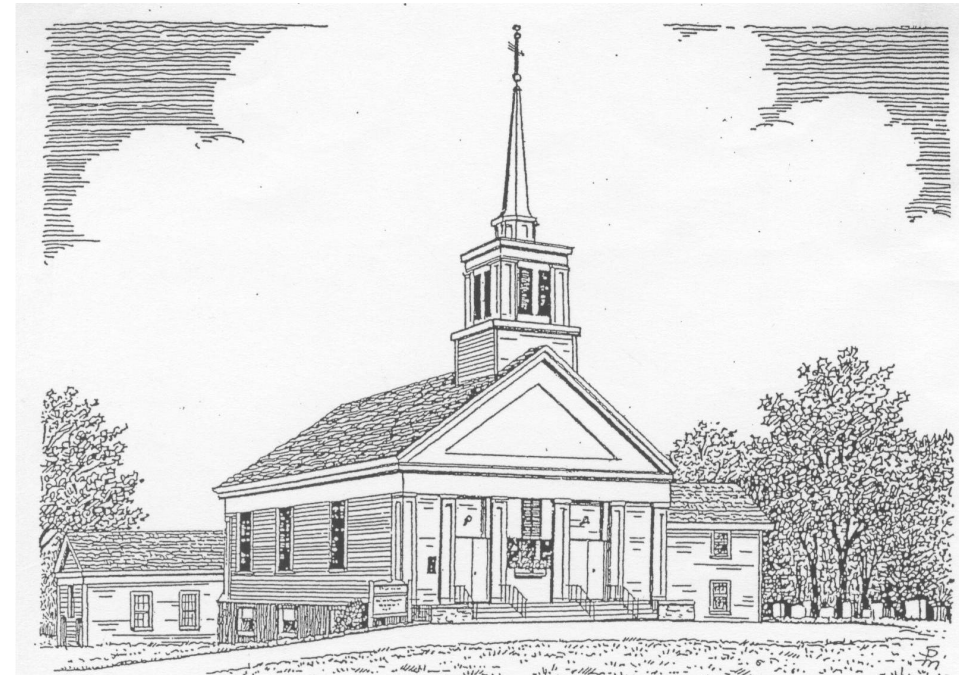
Today is not only Mother's Day, but it is also Blanket Sunday. We will have a special collection today to support Church World Services in the effort to help people in need. Money collected will purchase blankets for people in crisis due to natural disasters or homelessness. The blankets can be used as bedding, ponchos, or shelter. If you did not get a special envelope last week to put your donation in, there are still some in the entryway.

Cleaning Fest Part 2. A group of volunteers will meet at the church on Friday, May 13th, at 9:30 A.M. for another round of deep cleaning. We welcome anyone who is able to participate - just show up!

For the month of May we are collecting canned fruits and vegetables for the Hilltown Food Pantry. Food distribution days are May 17th & 31st and June 14th & 28th from 3 - 5 P.M.

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

A presentation by Michael Lundquist on behalf of Polus Center is scheduled for June 26th. More information to follow.



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