

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 22, 2022 - Easter 6

*"Before anything else in this life, we are children of God,
and brothers and sisters." Samuel Hislop*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Come among us Jesus, You whom the angels worship and children welcome.

People: COME JESUS AND MEET US HERE.

Pastor: Come among us Jesus, You who hurled the stars into space and shaped the spider's weaving.

People: COME JESUS AND MEET US HERE.

Pastor: Come among us Jesus, You who walked the long road to Jerusalem and lit a flame that dances forever.

People: COME JESUS AND MEET US HERE.

***HYMN** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (insert - vs. 1 & 3)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being. We praise you because you form your word among us, and in you great works embrace all human experience even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you for yours is the glory. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 John 3: 1-2 (blk 995, red 990)

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 Galatians 3: 26-29 (blk 945, red 947)

MESSAGE "Christ the Tiger" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 513

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

The beautiful flowers on the altar and the communion table are from Laurie Benoit in loving memory of her mother-in-law, Josephine B. Del Castilho. She was born 99 years ago on May 15th.

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.

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.

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



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