

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 29, 2022 - Easter 7 - Ascension

"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand." Mother Teresa

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Hallelujah! What A Savior!" - R. Prichard

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives.

People: We go forth in mystery and wonder, growing, changing, and living.

Pastor: Let us go forth with caring awareness for the world and all that is within it.

People: We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.

Pastor: Let us proceed in peace and go forth in joy.

People: We go in God's continuing presence, with the power to love and the strength and willingness to serve. Amen.

***HYMN** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" No. 173 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, we thank you for your presence as we take time to pray and ponder on the continuing impact of Easter on our lives. The Christ Spirit has become for us the measure of true life. That Spirit bears for us your gift of love, and a way of living and loving God and others. We are resurrection people, no longer bound by fear of death, but freed to witness to, and embody, the light. Nourish us to become like trees, planted beside streams of living water, that

flourish and bear fruit because of your constant care and attention. Be known to us in this hour and in all our days. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Acts 1: 1-11 (blk 881, red 884)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Make Ma Channel Of Your Peace" - S. Temple

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 "May Christ Dwell In You" - Patricia Mock

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE short selections from John and Luke

MESSAGE "The Ascension: An Ending and a Beginning" - Rich

***HYMN** "Peace in Our Time, O Lord" No. 519

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "I Send You With The Grace Of My Spirit" - Lori True

*POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

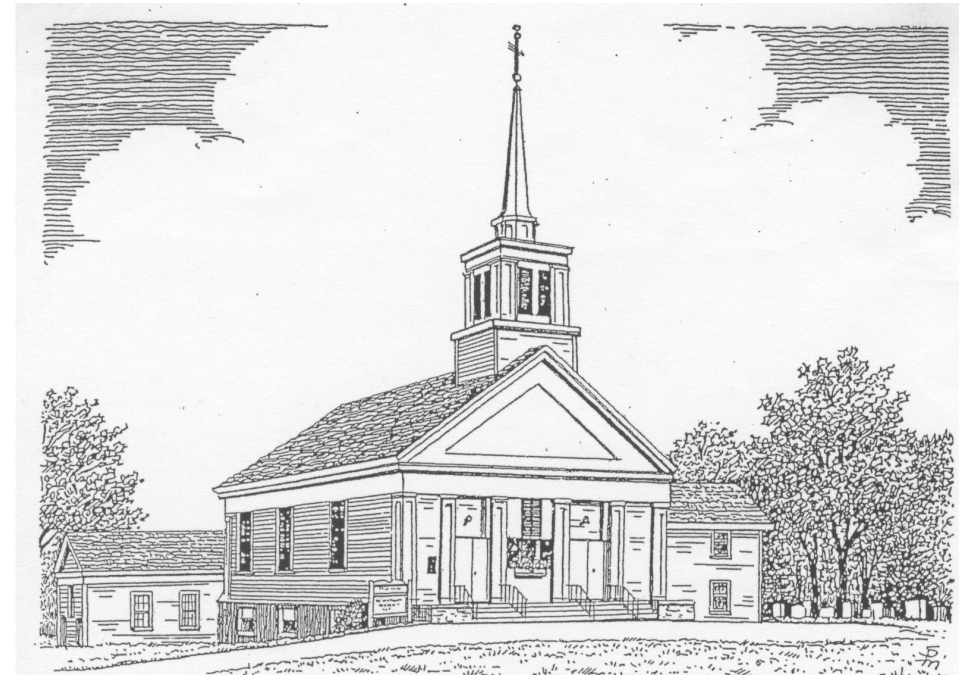
Anyone who feels comfortable joining in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments is welcome to come downstairs for coffee hour following the Worship Service this morning.

For the month of June we are collecting jam, jelly and condiments for the Hilltown Food Pantry. Think about all the condiments you need for picnics! Food distribution days are May 31st and June 14th & 28th from 3 - 5 P.M.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Blanket Sunday collection. We sent \$405 to Church World Services for the purchase of blankets. An amazing amount from our small congregation!

Members of the choir will be providing flowers for Sunday Morning Worship for the month of June. If anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday in June please contact Anita Upright.

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



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