# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Church Phone: 625-9440 Pastor's Phone: (413) 634-5451 Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist July 3, 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like Autumn leaves." John Muir

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Heavenly Sunshine" - Charles E. Fuller

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We gather to affirm the warmth of our faith, giving thanks...

- People: For the connectedness that forms whenever Christ convenes us, for the caring that marks us as a church community.
- Pastor: We gather to receive the nourishment of our faith, giving thanks...
- People: For the prayers that strengthen our spirits, the energizing word and sacrament released within us.
- Pastor: We gather to celebrate the texture of our faith, giving thanks...
- People: For the human diversity that characterizes us as a family, for the multiple ministries that call us into God's service; we give grateful thanks for a faith to savor and to share. Amen

\*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 25

## **\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of our lives, we give you thanks that you are always calling us to follow you into the future, inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all. When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage. When we worry that we are not up to the task, remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 (blk 839, red 844)

**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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

#### OFFERTORY

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Pastor's Choices

**MESSAGE** "Nature as a Source of Healing" - Rich Fournier

\*COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 213

#### COMMUNION

#### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world. Amen

## **\*FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE CHURCH**

\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 207

\*PASS THE BLESSING AROUND - BENEDICTION

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\*POSTLUDE

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

#### <u>Announcements</u>

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.

Cyndie Stetson is in charge of flowers for the month of July. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday in July please call Cyndie at 413-339-4231.

For the month of July we are collecting soup and crackers for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

The Buckland Public Hall is having a special fundraiser during the Summer Day in Buckland event on July 23rd. They are looking for donations of antiques for a silent auction, with all proceeds going to repairs for the public hall. If you have an item to donate, please contact Annie Stephany or fill out the donation form.



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