

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 31, 2022 - Pentecost 8

"You never quite know what you do in life that leaves a seed behind that grows into an oak tree." Michael Portillo

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord" - Lanny Wolfe

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

People: For the connectedness that forms whenever the Christ Spirit 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 power of the Word that is 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, and for the multiple ministries that call us into God's service. Amen

***HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 75

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars, in the kaleidoscope of color and shade and shapeliness, in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us, when we forget the gift in our every breath,

the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day. Give us courage to act with justice and generosity, and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 3: 2-3 (blk 936, red 938-939)

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 Mark 4: 31-35 (blk 810-811, red 816)

MESSAGE "The little known kinfolk and teachers of Jesus" - Rich

***HYMN** "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed" (insert)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "God Be With You" No. 42

*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.

The August calendar/newsletter has been mailed from the Buckland post office and posted to our church website as of last Thursday 7/28. There are some printed copies on the table in the entry way.

Anyone who has any prayer requests or announcements for next Sunday, August 7th, should call Judy Willis by 7:00 Saturday night, as Anita will be away next Sunday.

For the month of August we will be collecting baking ingredients for the Hilltown Food Pantry such as: flour, sugar, spices, baking powder, extract flavorings, bisquick, brownie mixes, etc.

August flowers for Sunday morning worship are “potluck”. Tina will be providing flowers next Sunday, August 7th. If anyone wishes to provide flowers some Sunday let Tina know, and if they are in memory or honor of someone be sure to let Anita know for the bulletin and announcements.



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