

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Daphne Bye - Pianist

August 7, 2022 - Communion Sunday

"Allow your mind to be still and rest in His presence." Rachel Kidder

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: O God, we come before you with open hearts and ears.

People: Please speak to us and through us your life-giving word.

Pastor: Speak through our silence and worship, our singing and **praying, our greetings and highest hopes.**

People: There is nothing that does not contain your Word, your invitation to abundant life and love.

Pastor: So this August morning, may the extraordinary depth of your love touch us now and in all our days to come.

People: And lead us into the timeless Now of your presence in our lives.

***HYMN** "Be Still, My Soul" No. 324

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, Holy Oneness, from the depths of your holiness call us to be whole, and wherever we are remind us that we are on holy ground. Renew our minds and bodies to be fresh and vital as morning light, and grant us peace within, as deep as the starry night. Awaken us to the task of becoming beautiful in spirit, mind, and heart, and so in face, that our gifts be worthy of your grace. Empower us to dare to be compassionate that your dreams for our humanity come true, to be imaginative that your kingdom come in

and through us, to be disciplined yet flexible that we may prepare the way for you in our hearts and in your world. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55: 10-13 (blk 592 - 593, red 598)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy Thy Name" - Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

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 "Here at Thy Table, Lord" - May P. Hoyt

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Psalm 46 (blk 456, red 450)

MESSAGE "Be Still and Know that I Am God" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" No. 210 (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Blessed are you, O God, for teaching us, in Christ, that sharing is the greatest form of learning, and love of others is Wisdom itself. Knowing this makes all that we study meaningful and real. Help us to draw strength from the meal we have shared today, and bring its

joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of the Christ, our brother, who is with us all days until the end of time. Amen

***FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE CHURCH**

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

***PASS THE BLESSING AROUND - BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

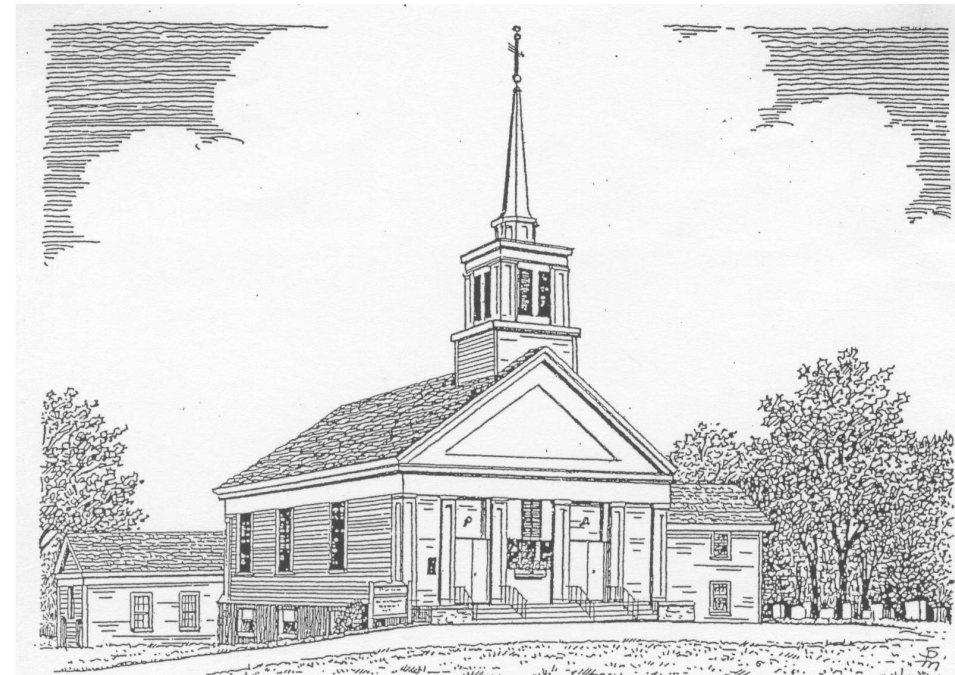
We will be celebrating communion together later in the service, so those at home will want to have their bread and grape juice ready if they wish to participate.

We are fortunate to have our dear friend Daphne Bye back with us this morning to accompany the choir and to provide us with her beautiful music on the piano.

The flowers on the altar are from Tina Peters in loving memory of Doris Howes who died on August 3, 2007 at the age of 95. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday in August please let Tina know. If you want them in honor or memory of someone and would like it in the bulletin and announcements call or email Anita Upright with the information.

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 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.



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