FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Church Phone: 625-9440 Pastor's Phone: (413) 634-5451 Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor Rev. William Duffe, Guest Preacher Sandy Carter - Organist / Pianist August 14, 2022

"I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts." Horace Mann

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- Pastor: Let us be gathered together to give thanks for the potential of this new day which God has given us.
- People: Let us not take lightly this gift from God.
- Leader: God has placed before us the gift of free will.
- People: To choose between the light and the darkness.
- Leader: Let us then worship together as we seek God's guidance in all things,
- People: For this day and for every day of our lives.

***HYMN** "For the Faithful Who Have Answered" (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Almighty yet ever-gentle One, we once again come together as your beloved children. We come with our whole being, knowing that your steadfast love makes it all possible. We thank you for your guidance, for your tolerance when we go astray, and especially for your forgiveness when our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love. And so bless us this day with the gift of your presence, in our gratitude, in our petitions for strength and solace, and in our desire to more nearly reflect the joy you desire for all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 5: 1-7 (black 550, red 552)

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 Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 (blk 980, red 978)

MESSAGE "What Then Shall We Yield?" - Rev. Bill Duffe

***HYMN** "Faith of the Martyrs" (insert)

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

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

<u>Announcements</u>

Pastor Rich decided to take this Sunday off, so we are very fortunate to have the Rev. William Duffe with us once again this morning to lead us in worship. Thank you, Bill, for filling in on such short notice.

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.

Tina and Cyndie provided the flowers for this Sunday. If anyone would like to provide flowers next Sunday, 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.

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.

The Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert will be held outside here at the church this Wednesday, August 17th, at 7:00 P.M. This is not only an opportunity to get out and enjoy an evening of delicious food and great music, but also an opportunity to raise money for the church. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chili, beverages, and dessert items, so come hungry! We also plan to have a bake sale, so get out your bowl and mixing spoon and whip up something for the bake sale table. As this is an outside concert only this year, the concert will be canceled if it rains.



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