

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

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August 28, 2022 - Pentecost 12

"The human heart feels things the eyes cannot see, and knows what the mind cannot understand." Robert Valett

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God has created us, called us from our mother's wombs and formed us as a people.

People: No longer are we lonely individuals, but part of the whole human race, living and sharing with others.

Pastor: We discover life, bit by bit through experiences, learning through our mistakes and triumphs, through our compassion and love.

People: It is a gift from God. Laugh, cry, sing, be silent; in whatever way we live, embrace it fully from your heart and warm the hearts of others, and take nothing for granted, for the Grace of the spirit is in you and goes with you. Amen

***HYMN** "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers" (insert)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace and the spirit of cooperation with one another in love and service that we may be signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Empower us to not lose heart during these trying times and the losses of loved ones. Let us take up the refrain of Dame Julian of Norwich who famously

said, "And all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (blk 634, red 642)

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 Matthew 6: 19-21 (blk 781, red 787)

MESSAGE "Hatching the Heart" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 344 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE

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

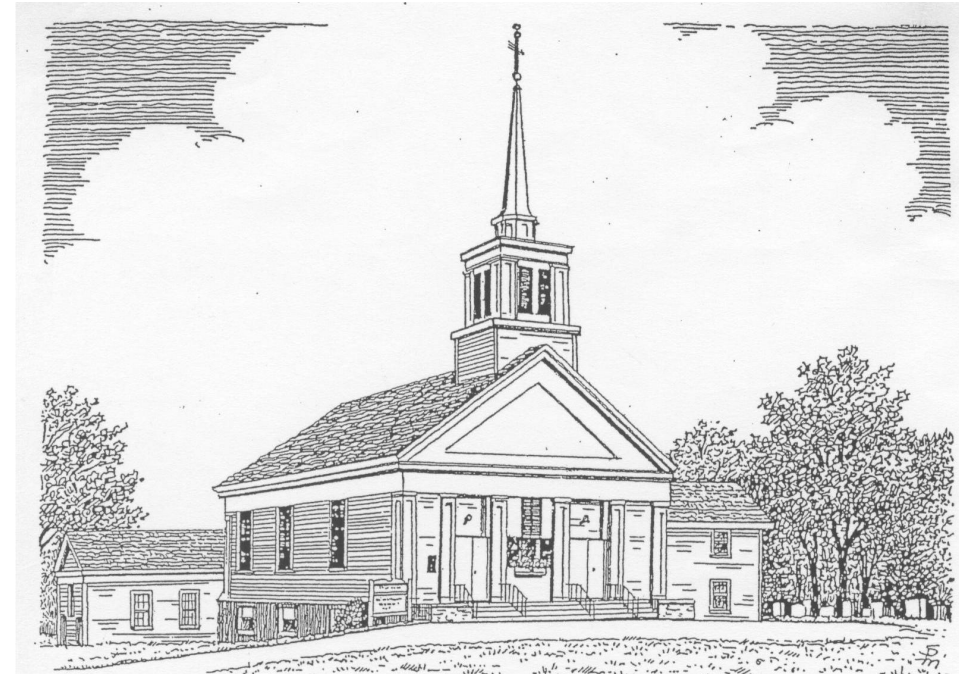
Announcements

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.

Sally and Jim provided the flowers for worship today. Luahn is in charge of flowers for the month of September, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers for some Sunday in September call Luahn at 413-320-3893.

For the month of September we will be collecting cereal for the Hilltown Food Pantry, especially hot cereals such as oatmeal or cream of wheat or rice.

The September church calendar was mailed from the Buckland post office and emailed to our contacts. A few extra printed copies are on the table in the entryway.



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