

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Daphne Bye - Pianist

September 4, 2022 - Pentecost 13

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Oh, Worship the Lord" - C. C. Edmonds

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Draw near to God and God will draw near to you.

People: We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Pastor: Let us seek to grow in Wisdom and understanding of God.

People: We put our trust in God and prepare to shine!

Pastor: Learn in our hearts to be peaceable, gentle and merciful.

People: We seek to do good and not harm all our days. Amen

***HYMN** "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" No. 342

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Inclusive God, ever available to all who truly seek you, come to us now through all we read and speak, that the messages we hear may become your living and invigorating Word to us, a word that transforms and transfigures, and makes us whole, and unites us in mutual learning and service, for the sake of all your children. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Pastor's Choice

CHOIR ANTHEM "Somebody's Knockin'" - arr. by Ruth E. Schram

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY "As We Gather at Your Table" - Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE "Communion and Community, and Continuing thoughts on the Heart" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" No. 211

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. 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.

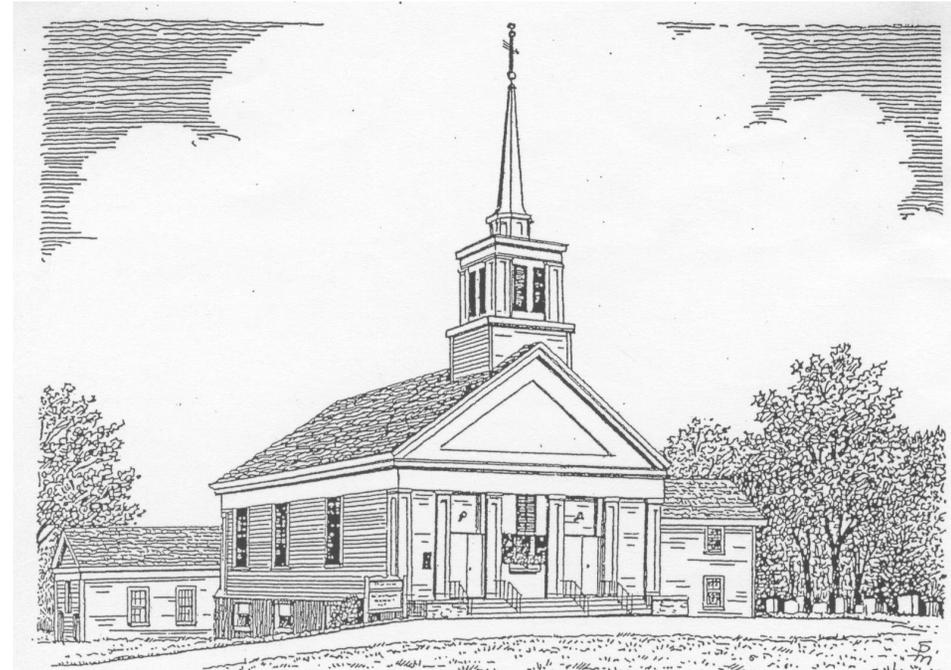
Announcements

We are happy to welcome back our dear friend, Daphne Bye, to accompany the choir and enhance our worship service with her beautiful piano playing this morning. We are grateful that Daphne is able to fill in and be with us for three weeks while Sandy is traveling.

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.

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.



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