

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Daphne Bye - Pianist

September 11, 2022 - Pentecost 14

"As you continue to send out love, the energy returns to you in a regenerating spiral... As love accumulates, it keeps your system in balance and harmony. Love is the tool, and more love is the end product." Sara Paddison

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The world belongs to God,

People: The earth and all its people.

Pastor: How good and lovely it is

People: To live together in unity.

Pastor: Love and faithfulness meet,

People: Justice and peace embrace.

Pastor: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths will proclaim your praise. Amen.

***HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 35 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Source of all hope and holiness, we gather this morning to be church. Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts. Bless those who are distant, but not from our love. May each of us here kindle justice in our spirits, draw kindness from our souls' wells, and walk humbly in the path of God. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 13 (black 931, red 934)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" - arr. by Lloyd Larson

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 "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord" - T. H. Gill

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE 1 John 4: 7-17 (black 996, red 991)

MESSAGE "Growing in love" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (insert)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go Now in Peace" - D. Besig & N. Price

*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 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.

The Missions Committee will meet immediately after church 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. The lovely dahlias today are from Mike McCusker's garden.

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.

All are welcome to witness the installation of Rev. David Jones at The Ashfield Congregational Church on Sunday Sept. 25th at 3:00 P.M. Rev. Jones was called to Ashfield in July 2019, and he was ordained there in October 2020. COVID concerns have delayed his official installation recognition worship service. Please join the Franklin Association of United Church of Christ and our friends and neighbors in Ashfield for this very special service of worship and welcome. For more information, contact the Ashfield church directly at uccashfield@gmail.com or call them at 413-628-4470.



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