

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Daphne Bye - Pianist

September 18, 2022

"Live for today, but hold your hands open to tomorrow. Anticipate the future and its changes with joy. There is a seed of God's love in every event, every unpleasant situation in which you may find yourself." Barbara Johnson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God calls us this day to a life of joy.

People: With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.

Pastor: With God, joy bursts forth from moments of quiet pleasure.

People: With God joy gilds the edges of even ordinary days.

Unison: This is the day which our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" No. 372

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of light eternal, in whose love and power the world took shape, and we were born and our lives were lived and we pass on, grant us now that silence of the heart in which we can recall that we are never separated from the love which created us nor from the love that surrounds our trials and suffering. Bring us now into thy presence and let us be strengthened there. Amen.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 1: 1-18 (black 858, red 862)

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Blessing of Music" - Joseph Martin

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 "Love Grows Here" - Don Besig

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Pastor's selections from John

MESSAGE "And the Word/Logos was made flesh and dwelt and still dwells among us." - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 564

*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 once again 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 two floral bouquets are in loving memory of Summer Steele and William Paul Clark. One bouquet is given by Tom & Pat Clark and Jamie, Shane, Lilly, and Aroura Lexus Chase in loving memory of William who passed away 6 years ago on September 25th. The other bouquet is from Bunny Doneilo and daughter Amanda and family in loving memory of Summer who would have turned 15 on September 26th. It has been 6 years since these two beautiful, young children were taken from us, but they continue to touch the lives of all who knew and loved them.

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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