

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 2, 2022 - World-Wide Communion Sunday

"Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together." Corrie Ten Boom

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Song Of Praise" - South African

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We give thanks, God of wonder, for the marvel of creation that surrounds us,

People: and for all the wonders of life we have known.

Pastor: Let us see your glory, your justice, and your peace.

People: May our lives and our world be reawakened by the power of your grace. Amen

***HYMN** "Community of Christ" (insert - vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of our hope, we give thanks for this day and these people, and for your gospel that gives this day meaning and provides your people with direction. Stay close to us, do not disappear from our view, lest we lose our way and our heart. Encourage us, root us in you. Make us desire your life in us, so that we feel the fullness of your presence. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Luke 17: 1-6 and 11-21 (blk 847-848, red 852)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Love Has Made Us One" - Karen Crane

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 "You've Got A Place At The Welcome Table" - Spiritual

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1: 1-4 (blk 755, red 762)
2 Timothy 1: 1-14 (blk 967-968, red 966)
Psalm 137: 1-6 (blk 503-504, red 502)

MESSAGE "Forgiveness, Faith, and the Coming Kingdom" - Rich Fournier

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

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now through each of our moments to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who is our peace and comforter. Amen

CHOIR "Send Me, Jesus" - South African

***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.

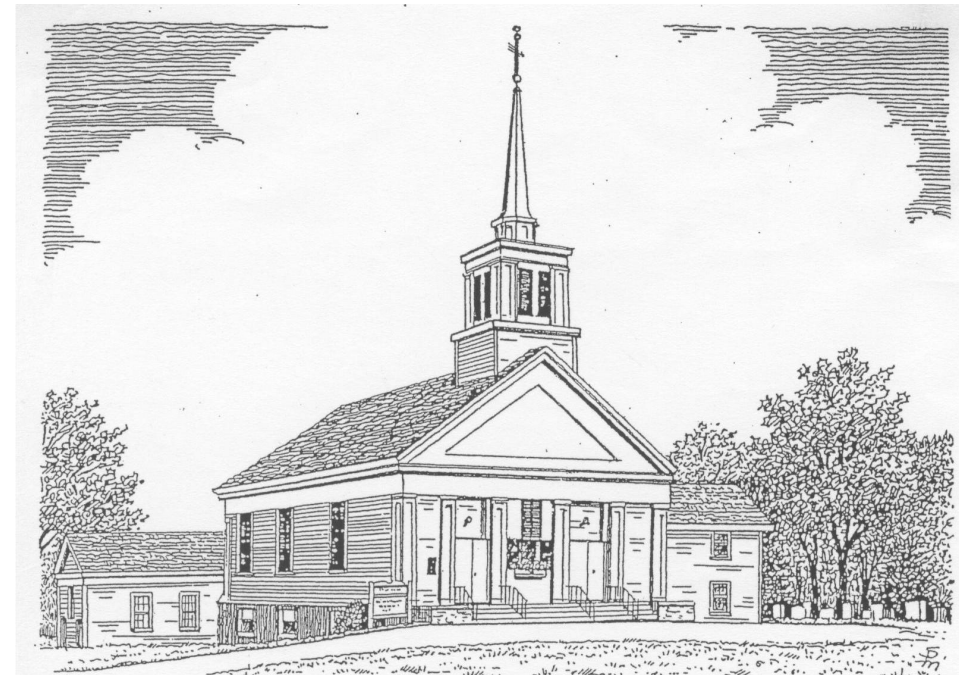
Announcements

Today is World-Wide Communion Sunday, and we will be sharing communion together along with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Those of you at home will want to have your bread and grape juice ready if you wish to participate. World-Wide Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1933.

The beautiful flowers on the altar are from Tina in loving memory of Doris Howes and in honor of Tina's sister, Tammy Colson, who share the same birth date, which is today, October 2nd.

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 Buckland Public Hall is holding their annual tag sale on October 22nd and 23rd from 9am-4pm daily. Donations for the tag sale are being accepted at the Public Hall and volunteers are very much appreciated, even for an hour or two. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please talk to Annie (413-320-1615). During the tag sale, there will be a special Harvest Market on Saturday from 1:00-4:00 with farm produce for sale from local farms, baked goods, doughnuts and cider. Apple Crisp and quilt raffle tickets will be for sale to benefit the church.



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