

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**October 9, 2022 - Pentecost 18**

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*"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."*

*by William Arthur Ward*

*What kind of teacher do you think Jesus was?*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "Song Of Praise" - South African

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We give you thanks, God our creator, for the marvel of creation

**People: that surrounds us and gives us the rhythm of the seasons**

Pastor: and for the wonders of life we have known.

**People: Let us see your glory, your justice, and peace.**

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

**\*HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" No. 58

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear God, our source and our destiny, we draw near to you with thankful hearts because of your great love for us. We thank you most for the gift of the living Christ Spirit who has come to be with us and for us, to make us as one. We may be different from one another in race and language, in material things, in gifts and opportunities, but each of us has a human heart knowing joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain. We are one in our need of your compassion, your strength, and love. Make us one in our response

to you, that bound by common love, and freed from self-centered aims, we may work for the good of all and the advancement of your kingdom. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13: 1-23 (blk 788-789, red 794)

## 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** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

## OFFERTORY

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** Pastor's Choice

**MESSAGE** "Why Jesus Often Taught in Parables --Part 1" - Rich

**\*HYMN** "We Thank Thee That Thy Mandate" No. 517 (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** "Send Me, Jesus" - South African

## \*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.

The beautiful flowers on the altar this morning are from Tina in memory of her dear friend Martha Hanks whose birthday was Oct 12th. Martha left this earth school in June of 1998, she is still sorely missed.

For the month of October we are collecting pasta and sauce for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

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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