

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 16, 2022 - Pentecost 19

"As with all commandments, gratitude is a description of a successful mode of living. The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us."

James E. Faust

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Jesus said: "Come to me, you who are tired, you who are burdened, come.

People: We come with our hopes and our fears, we come as we are.

Pastor: I have loved you with an everlasting love says God, from your mother's womb I have taken delight in you.

People: We come in joy and in need, we come as we are.

Pastor: Today is the acceptable time, now is the hour of salvation, we come as we are.

***HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 435

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of timelessness and time, we thank you for our time and for those things that are yet possible and precious in it: daybreak and beginning again, midnight and the touch of angels, a word of forgiveness and sometimes a song, for our breathing and our lives. Thank you for the honesty that makes friends and makes laughter; for fierce gentleness which dares

to speak the truth in love, and tugs us to join the long march toward peace; for sudden gusts of grace which rise unexpectedly, for children unabashed, a colleague and a cup of coffee; for all the mysteries of loving, of bodies next to each other, for music and silence, for wrens and Orion, for everything that moves us to tears, to touching, to dreams, to prayers, for our longing and our lives. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31: 27-34 (blk 634, red 642)
Genesis 32: 22-31 (blk 26, red 26)

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 Luke 18: 1-8 & 9-14 (blk 848, red 853)

MESSAGE "The Man who wrestled with God" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Thanks to God for My Redeemer" No. 571

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***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 Carl and Janet in loving memory of her mom, Edie, to remember her birthday on October 19th. She'd be 100 years old and still quilting away like mad!

The Missions Committee has donated to the UCC hurricane relief fund to help those who lost so much in Florida. The committee encourages church members and friends to donate to the UCC or any organization of their choice that is supporting hurricane relief. The address for UCC is United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. When writing a check please include "Hurricanes Fund 2022" on the memo line. Thank you.

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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