

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 23, 2022

"Faith is like radar that sees through the fog - - the reality of things at a distance that the human eye cannot see." - Corrie Ten Boom

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** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 25 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*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** "Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide" No. 421 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

*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 flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Keith & Jennifer Wall who were married here at Mary Lyon Church on Oct 23rd. .

If you have any news or events you would like included in the November church calendar contact Tina no later than Wednesday noon this week. Call 625-9629 or email heylady@mapinternet.com

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 HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Judy Willis to the group as a representative from the Mary Lyon Church. The food pantry is gearing up for the holidays. We will be giving each child, who is registered, a Walmart or Visa gift card for \$100. The program now called Sharing Gifts, enables many families to have a more joyful holiday than they might have otherwise. In order to continue this program we need your help, either through direct monetary donations or the donation of a gift card of any amount. If you would like to donate we need to receive your contribution by November 13. Please see Marge Senecal or Judy Willis for more information. We wish to extend our sincere thanks in advance.

The Buckland Public Hall is holding their annual tag sale again today until 4 P.M. this afternoon. Stop by after church to see what treasures you might find!



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