

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 13, 2022

"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us. The old skin has to be shed before the new one can come." Joseph Campbell

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Thanks To God For My Redeemer" - A.L. Storm

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Be glad and rejoice forever.

Pastor: We shall enjoy the work of our hands, children will be raised in security, and elder folks shall live long and with honor. The natural world shall be in harmony and no more shall there be human weeping or the cry of distress.

All: No one will hurt or destroy in all of God's holy mountain.

Pastor: God is creating a new heaven and a new earth.

All: God began with one resurrection, God is putting an end to death. God began with one life. Amen

***HYMN** "Spirit of God in the Clear Running Water" No. 191

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of beginnings, as your spirit moved over the face of the deep on the first day of creation, move with us now into a time of new beginnings, when the air is rain-washed, the bloom is on, the bush, and the world seems fresh and full of possibilities, and we feel ready and full. We tremble on the edge of a maybe, a first time, a new thing, a tentative start, and the wonder of it lays its finger on our lips. In silence, O God, we share now our eagerness and our uneasiness about this something different we would be or do. And we listen for

your leading to help us separate the light from the darkness in the change we seek to shape and which is shaping us. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65: 17-25 (blk 601, red 607-608)
Malachi 4: 1-2a (blk 772-773, red 779)

CHOIR ANTHEM "God's Simple Gifts" - A.L. Page

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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 585

OFFERTORY "Praise And Thanksgiving" - A.F. Badly

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 21: 5-19 (blk 851-851, red 856)

MESSAGE "Giving birth to the New Heaven and New Earth" - Rich

***HYMN** "Behold the Lamb" (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

***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.

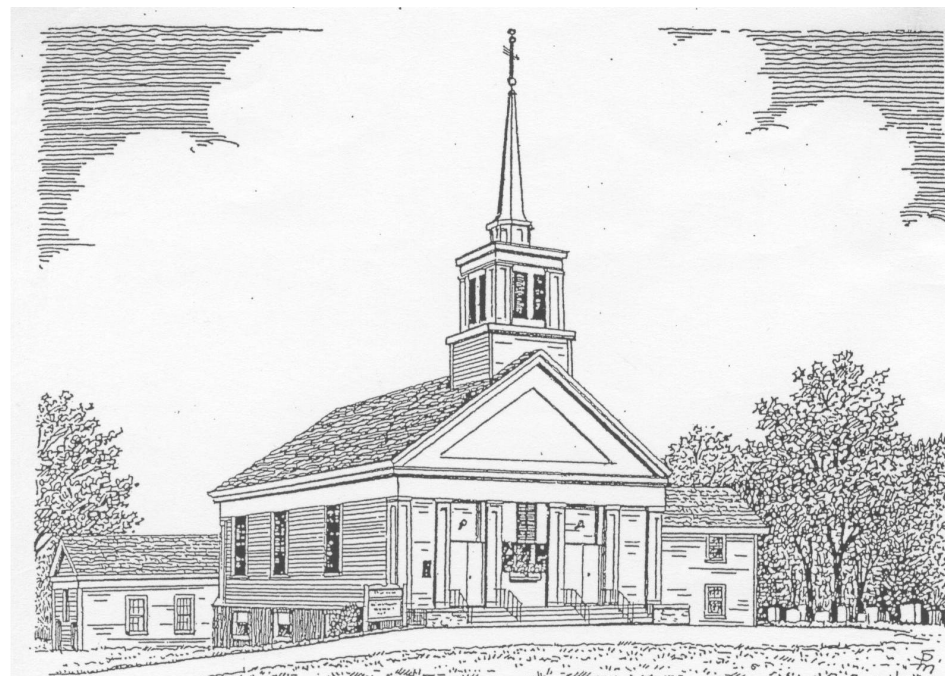
Announcements

We will be celebrating communion together this morning. Folks at home may want to have your bread and grape juice ready if you wish to participate with those of us who are here in the sanctuary in person.

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.

Sandy Carter is in charge of flowers for the month of November.

For the month of November we are collecting canned meats such as hash, pork & beans, beef stew, chicken, tuna, meat ravioli, etc. for the Hilltown Food Pantry. The food pantry is gearing up for the holidays. We will be giving each child, who is registered, a Walmart 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 Walmart gift card which can be mailed to HILLTOWN Churches Food Pantry, PO Box 161, Ashfield, MA 01330. 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.



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