

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 20, 2022 - Thanksgiving Sunday

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us." James E. Faust

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us go forth into the new season of our lives.

People: We go forth into growing and changing and living.

Pastor: Let us go with caring awareness for the world and all that is in it.

People: We go to discover the needs and opportunities around us.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace and be let out in joy.

People: We go in God's continuing presence, with the power to love and the strength to serve. Amen

***HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 565 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Holy one, our source and our hope, we give thanks for the ordinary and extraordinary things that sustain us and make our lives rich and whole - for daily bread and the experience of discovering that it is a blessing; for friendships and tasks; for good hopes and precious memories; for gifts we give each other by understanding of hopes and hurts; for the rich variety of our experience and human beings; for family that mark this season. Help us by the power of your spirit to act from gratitude, remembering the great gift of your son, the Living Christ Spirit, who lives and remains among us and in

our hearts. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (blk 625, red 633)
Joel 2: 21-27 (blk 732-733, red 741-742)

CHOIR ANTHEM "For The Beauty Of The Earth" - C. Berry

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 "We Give Thee Thanks" - Lani Smith

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE Psalm 46 (blk 456, red 450)

MESSAGE "A Gracious and Grateful Heart" - Rich

***HYMN** "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" No. 566

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "We Give You Thanks" - H. F. Henry

*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.

Sandy Carter is in charge of flowers for the month of November, and Cyndie Stetson did the cornucopia arrangement in honor of Thanksgiving for this morning's worship service.

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 December church Newsletter/Calendar will be published and available for next Sunday. We will include our traditional "In Memory" pictorial section as we think about folks who have left the "earth school" and will not be physically present during the holiday season. If you have any events, activities, or people you want to include in the December church newsletter, our editor Tina needs to hear from you no later than Wed. Nov. 23 at noon (that's the day before Thanksgiving and just 3 days from now, so sooner is much better for her). Call Tina at 413-625-9629 or send her an email at heylady@mapinternet.com



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