

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"Like Little Ships

All the good things we do

Like little ships put out from shore

Hurry along before the waves

And then in a twinkling are seen no more

But who can tell how bravely they'll sail

Or whether the way will be long or short

And who can tell what happy heart

An act of kindness will come to port"

Jean Kyler McManus

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "He Has Made Me Glad" - L. V. Brethorst

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: God is calling. Do you not hear?

People: You are being called by name, for a purpose.

Pastor: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call.

Do not confuse the values of this world for God's values.

People: Our words and our deeds are known to God. You were known to God before you were born.

Pastor: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.

Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

***HYMN** "I Can Hear My Savior Calling" No. 369

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God, who promised that your glory should be revealed and that all flesh should see it together; set a restlessness stirring in our

hearts, a waiting for the light that will break into our darkness, a wondering before the innocence that will address our troubled world, a waking to a hope that will dispel our weariness in seeking your kingdom above all things. Glory to God in the highest! Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49: 1-7 (blk 587)

Psalm 40: 1-11 (blk 452-453)

ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" - Don Besig

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 "He Is Here" - Kirk Talley

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

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 (blk 923)

John 1: 29-42 (blk 858-859)

MESSAGE "Becoming the Best that We Can Be" – Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" No. 503

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace" - S. Pullman

***POSTLUDE**

*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

We are happy to welcome back Sandy Carter this morning to accompany the choir and enhance the worship service with her musical talents.

All are welcome to stay for coffee hour immediately following today's worship service. The Annual Meeting will take place in person during coffee hour this morning. If you did not pick up a packet of reports from Officers and Committees last week, there are some copies near the back door.



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