

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 12, 2021

"We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfil God's purposes by ourselves." Rick Warren

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "We Are One In The Bond Of Love" - O. Shillings

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Dear God let our prayers arise before you.

People: And may your grace descend upon the world.

Pastor: Accept our prayers with all who are praising you this very moment.

People: And send your spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Pastor: Give to us, God, eyes for seeing.

People: And ears to hear your word. Amen

***HYMN** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

We thank you , Holy One, for our time in community, for deep and meaningful friendships, for conversations before and after worship, for the vulnerable intensity lubricated by laughter, for freedom to serve and affirm others and to affirm ourselves in the face of all that you know, and we know of our lives. And we thank you for the variety and the faithfulness of members, old and new, and visitors too. And for the dedication of hands and heads and hearts that come together whenever the church has need of them. We are grateful for the wonderful food we share and for the music which

lifts our spirits, and for the way it somehow all holds together. We are blessed in our community by God's gifts of grace and peace and love. Indeed we are on Holy Ground. Amen

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Pastor's Choice

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Have Seen Jesus In You" - R. Fair & D. Nolan

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 "Prayer Response" - Charles W. Walton
Lord, have mercy upon us. Hear our prayer and grant us thy peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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

ORGAN RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING: Pastor's Choice

MESSAGE: "Exploring the Mystery and Meaning of Community"
Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "There's a Quiet Understanding" No. 204

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be With You till We Meet Again”

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

According to the new protocols for the town of Buckland, for the time being we are required to wear masks while entering and exiting the church or moving around in general. Once we are seated, socially distanced from folks not in our immediate “bubble”, we may remove our masks if we feel comfortable doing so. At this time for everyone’s safety, we will not be having coffee hour after the worship service.

Luahn Page Fournier is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of September. If anyone would like to provide flowers some Sunday this month, please contact Luahn at 413-320-3893.

For the month of September we are focusing on collecting cereal, especially hot cereals for the Hilltown Food Pantry.



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