

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Richard T. Fournier, Pastor

Daphne Bye - Guest Pianist

March 13, 2022 - Second Sunday in Lent

*"Every moment and every event of every person's life
on earth plants something in their soul."*

Thomas Merton

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "What Wondrous Love Is This" - Southern Harmony

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The world belongs to the Creator

ALL: THE EARTH AND ALL IT'S PEOPLE.

Pastor: How good and lovely it is

ALL: TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.

Pastor: Love and faithfulness meet

ALL: JUSTICE AND PEACE EMBRACE.

Pastor: If the Lord's disciples keep silent

ALL: THESE VERY STONES WOULD SHOUT ALOUD!

Pastor: Open our lips O God

ALL: AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.

Amen

***HYMN** "God Loved the World" (insert vs. 1, 2 & 4)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dear Jesus, you embodied the living Christ Spirit and told great stories that enabled people to make sense of their lives, that helped to reveal God's presence in ordinary things, and encouraged people to change. Make us more ready to share our stories. Give us words when we are tongue-tied, and confidence to know our stories matter, and tact to know the right place to tell them. Also, most importantly, make us ready to listen to other's stories. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Genesis 12: 1-4 (blk 8, red 8)

CHOIR ANTHEM "On Eagle's Wings" - Michael Joncas

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 "My Lord Has Set Me Free" - Edvard Grieg

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 3: 1-17 (blk 860, red 863-864)

MESSAGE "Two Tremendous Passages of Courage and Change"
– Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" No. 361

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Lead Me, Lord"

*POSTLUDE

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

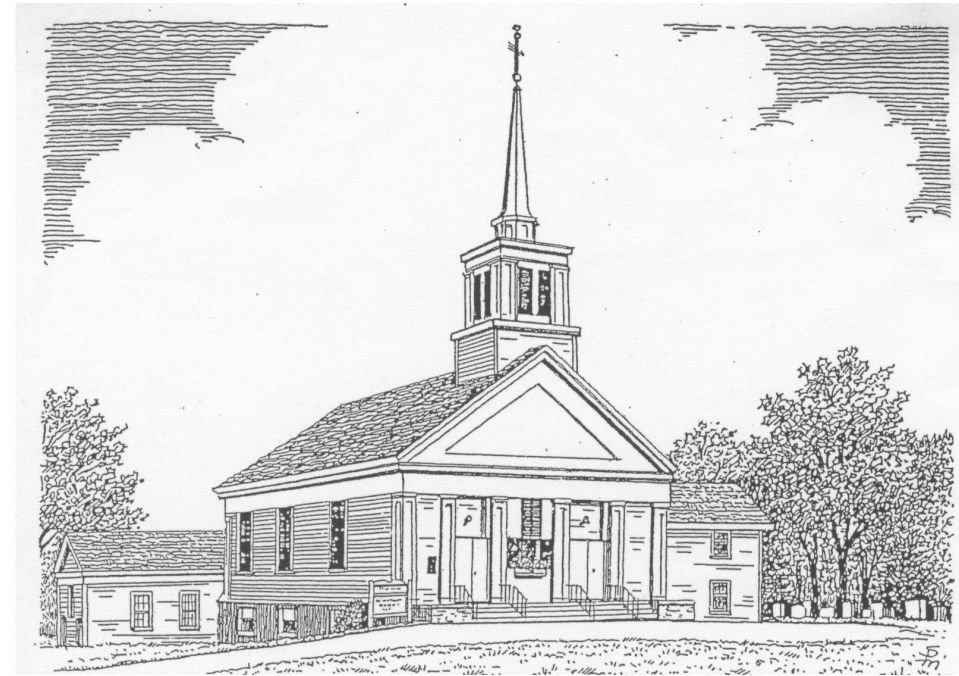
Announcements

We are very happy to welcome back our dear friend, Daphne Bye, to play the piano and accompany the choir this morning. Thank you, Daphne, for enhancing our worship service and sharing your musical talents with us.

The mask mandate for the Town of Buckland was lifted this week, therefore it is now up to each of you to make your own decision about whether or not to continue wearing a mask. It is important that we respect everyone's choice in this matter, while continuing to strive to keep everyone safe.

Gail Abbott is in charge of flowers for Sunday Worship for the month of March, so if anyone wishes to provide flowers any Sunday in March call Gail at 413-628-4046.

We are collecting canned meats (hash, spam, pork & beans, beef stew, chicken, tuna, pasta with meatballs, etc.) for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of March.



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