

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**March 27, 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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*"God's Word is a Living Water that detoxifies our soul. The more we drink of it, the more it cleanses, refreshes, and renews us."*

*by Caroline Naoroji*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** "What Wondrous Love Is This" - Southern Harmony

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: We give you thanks, O holy One, for creating us.

**People: And because you have given us life,**

Pastor: You have made us in your image, male and female you created us.

**People: And breathed your spirit into us.**

**ALL: We are alive with divinity, and your glory is made manifest in us; We have been touched by God!**

**\*HYMN** "O What a Wonderful, Wonderful Day" No. 410

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of our hope, we give you thanks for this day and these people, And for your gospel that gives this day meaning and provides your people insight and direction. Stay close to us. Help us to feel, and see, and taste, and touch your presence in our lives. Encourage us, root us in you. Make us desire your spirit in us that our only fear is your absence, and our greatest joy is your love. Amen

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (blk 937, red 940)

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "God So Loved the World" - John Stainer

## 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** "I Was the One" - M. Lister

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 4: 5-42 (blk 860-861, red 864-865)

**MESSAGE** "Living Water and Worshiping God in Spirit and Truth"  
— Rich Fournier

**\*HYMN** "As the Deer" (insert)

### \*BENEDICTION

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

### \*POSTLUDE

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

### Announcements

The Church Calendar/Newsletter for April has been sent electronically and mailed. There are a few copies available on the table in the entryway.

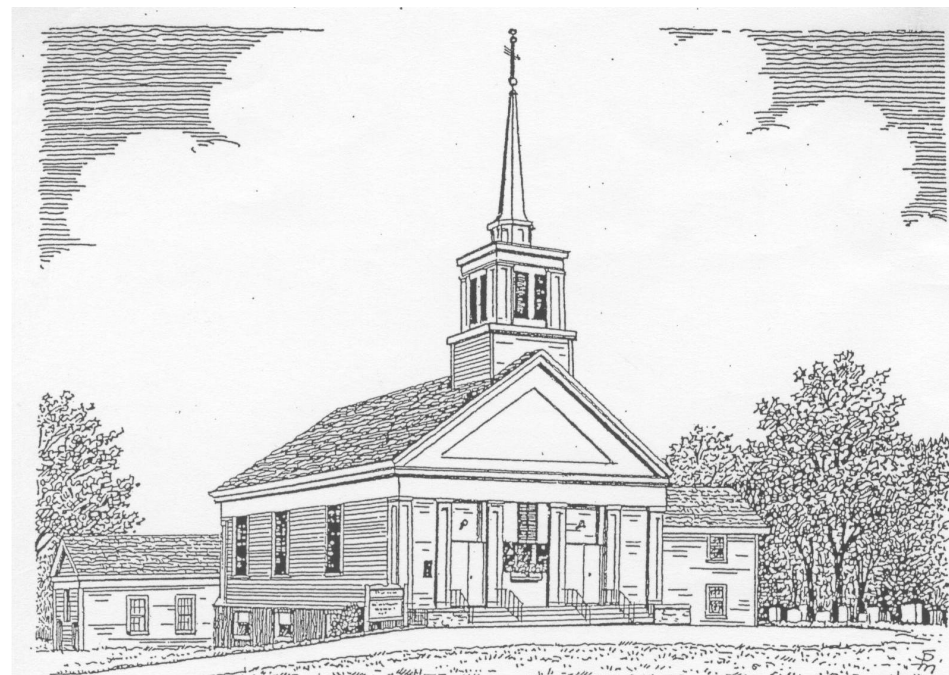
The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee has decided that it is time to begin having Coffee Hour once again downstairs following the Worship Service. Anyone who feels comfortable joining in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments is welcome.

One Great Hour of Sharing - the United Church of Christ is collecting funds through One Great Hour of Sharing to support partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. Envelopes and brochures were in last week's bulletin and may be put in the collection plate along with your usual offering when the ushers come around. There are still some envelopes for this special sharing on the table in the entryway.

Spring cleaning in time for Easter! A group will gather at the church Friday, April 8th, at 9:30 a.m. for a cleaning-fest to get the church spruced up. Volunteers can just show up if you would like to join in.

We are collecting pasta and sauce for the Hilltown Churches' Food Pantry for the month of April.

The choir members are in charge of flowers for the month of April. We would love to have your plants and flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, April 17th. You will have to take responsibility for purchasing your own plants and getting them to the church yourself on Saturday, April 16th between 12 - 2 so that they can be arranged in the sanctuary. Please be sure your plant(s) are labeled with your name so you can easily identify and collect them after the worship service on Sunday. If your plant is in honor or memory of a loved one whose name you'd like included in the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin, please be sure to contact Anita Upright with the details no later than Thursday, April 14th. Call her at 413-625-6481 or email her at [CandAupright@hotmail.com](mailto:CandAupright@hotmail.com)



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