

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 6, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

*"Communion is strength; solitude is weakness. Alone, the fine old beech yields to the blast and lies prone on the meadow. In the forest, supporting each other, the trees laugh at the hurricane. The sheep of Jesus flock together. The social element is the genius of Christianity."
by Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "What Wondrous Love Is This" - Southern Harmony

CALL TO WORSHIP: (unison)

Calm us, dear God, into a quietness that heals and listens, and molds our longings and passions, our wounds and wonderings into a more Holy and human shape, that we may come to resemble and imitate the Living Christ Spirit who dwells within us and for us and the world. Amen

***HYMN** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" No. 130

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O Holy one, we are called to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God. We hear those words as a call to partnership with You. We know that to do what the prophet (Micah) instructs us means that we must change, that we must move, that we must get involved. Make us strong enough, O God, to walk humbly so that we act justly and love tenderly each day; so that we may grow strong people of faith and love, signs and symbols of new life and possibilities. Amen

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (blk 162, red 158-159)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lonesome Valley" - Roger C. Wilson

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"

OFFERTORY "We Gather at Your Table, Lord" - Traditional Irish Melody

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4: 1-13 (blk 830, red 835)

MESSAGE "Surviving a Wilderness of Temptations" - Rich Fournier

***COMMUNION HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 213

COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

O God, you have been present with us in this shared meal. Be with us always, for we truly long to be your partners in creation. Give us eyes to see. Give us hearts to care. Give us hands to reach out to lighten the burden, that others may know of your light and compassion, that hope may be renewed, for the sake of the living Christ spirit who permeates us and our world. Amen

***FORM A CIRCLE AROUND THE CHURCH**

***CONGREGATIONAL SONG** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 207

***PASS THE BLESSING AROUND - BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Announcements

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.

The mask mandate for the Town of Buckland is being lifted this coming week, therefore beginning next Sunday, March 13th, it will be your choice whether or not you choose to continue wearing masks.

If anyone has announcements for the bulletin or prayer requests please email them to Anita Upright at CandAupright@hotmail.com or call her at 413-625-6481.



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