

First Congregational Church
Our Church in Worship

August 12, 2018 9:30 AM

Season of Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Charles Buck

PRELUDE *Short Prelude* – Hermann Schroeder Adam Peithmann

WELCOME Rev. Charles Buck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF SILENCE

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us sing to the God of Hosts

People: Who provides for us, and whom we worship in this place.

Leader: How awesome is our God

People: Who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world;

Leader: Who anticipates our every need;

People: Who loves us beyond measure.

All: O God, our God; give heed to our presence. Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty* Terri Pattee, cello
- arr. Vernon Taranto Jr.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS Barbara Papagian

LEADER: God, in your mercy

PEOPLE: Hear our prayer

SILENT MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 542 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERATORY MUSIC *Immortal, Invisible* – arr. V. Taranto Jr. Terri Pattee, cello

*DOXOLOGY Chalice Hymnal No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service, that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 122 Chalice Hymnal No. 761

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 130 Sandy Salinas

SERMON: God Help Us Rev. Charles Buck

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 73 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Intermezzo* – H. Schroeder

*You are invited to stand if you wish.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 130 (New Revised Standard Version)
Old Testament page 549 in RSV Pew Bibles

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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Rev. Dr. Charles Buck

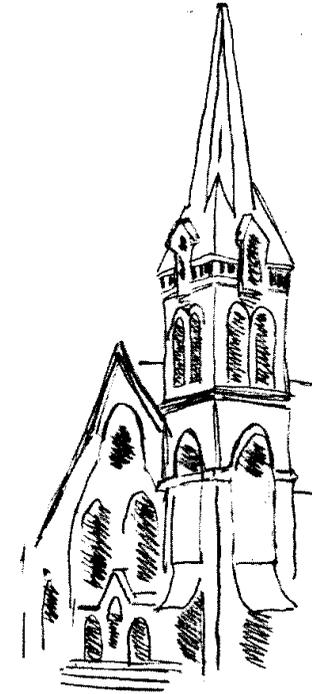
Rev. Dr. Charles Buck is the Transitional Conference Minister of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. Before coming to New Hampshire, he was Conference Minister of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ for thirteen years. Prior to that, he was the pastor of churches in Hawaii and Northern California.

The Rev. Dr. Buck has served on numerous local and national boards, including councils of churches, ecumenical ministries, private educational institutions and retirement communities. Currently, he is Chair of the Board of the Directors of United Church Funds, an investment ministry for the United Church of Christ; and is a board member of the Christian Board of Publication (Chalice Press), the publishing house of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Born in San Francisco, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, earned his Masters of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. in historical musicology from Stanford University.

He is married to Susan, and they have two adult children, Matthew and Sara.

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