

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

January 6, 2013

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC “Three Carols for Piano”
“Sonata in B-flat” Haydn
“The Great Gate at Kiev” Moussorgsky

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

CHIMING of the HOUR

WORDS of REFLECTION

“Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution two: If no one else does, I still will.” Jonathan Edwards

PRELUDE “We Three Kings” Young

*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP Debbie Marshall

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

People: **Wake up, a new day is dawning.**

Leader: A new year is born, fresh with hope.

People: **A whole new beginning, full of promise.**

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your light has come,

People: **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us all.**

*HYMN #284 “Gather Us In”

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION

Alpha and Omega God, all of time is in your hand. Past, present, and future - are all gifts from you. Help us to be open to all the possibilities you have planned for us. Give us clear direction, holy courage, joy, and the kind of faith that moves mountains. Above all else, keep our hearts and minds in close communion with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING *from Ecclesiastes 3:1-3*

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

People: **A time to be born, and a time to die.**

Leader: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

People: **A time to break down, and a time to build up.**

Leader: A time to weep, and a time to laugh.

People: **A time to mourn, and a time to dance.**

Leader: God has made everything suitable for its time.

People: **For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.**

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #518 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER (*unison...“debts”*)

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “As Long As I have Breath” S. Farrar

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

Loving God, on this first Sunday of a new year, we dedicate ourselves again to you. We offer you our whole hearts, our whole lives, and the best of all we have to give. Let the light of your epiphany shine brightly in each one of us, that we may share the joy of knowing you. Amen.

The SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #422 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “March of the Kings” Bizet

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

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign our Guest Book (on the table in the Narthex) and help yourself to a Welcome Bag made especially for you. Guests are encouraged to use the Pew Cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates with the offering.

Greeters: Deacons Susan Pilkons and Judy Ramsdell

Coffee Hour Preparation: Board of Trustees

Deacons assisting with Communion: Marilyn Newton (Deacon-in-charge), Delythe Kracke, Susan Pilkons, Judy Ramsdell, Mike Swan, Pam Lyons, Pat Lazeren

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

Please Note: All Sunday School children meet in Fellowship Hall for a group message before going to their classes.

Youth Fellowship: Meet at FCCV at 3 PM to travel to Peter’s Retreat. Pick up at FCCV at 7 PM.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, January 9, 1 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, January 9, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, January 9, 7 PM, Chapel

Trustees: Wednesday, January 9, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 3, 7:30 PM

Support Group: Friday, January 4, 10:30 AM, Library

Super Bowl Grinders: The Ways & Means Committee will be taking orders during Coffee Hour on Sundays, January 13, 20 and 27. Grinders will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 3. Questions? Contact Michelle Bower, 860-872-7274.

Youth Basketball (open to 5th -12th grade): January 19, February 2 and 16, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Wapping Church in South Windsor. Parents must drop off and pick up at Wapping Church. Advisor - Randy Ramsdell. **Reminder:** Check our Facebook page for more information on youth activities and missions.

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27

following the Worship Service

A **Crib Room** is available upstairs near the balcony for **parents with infants up to 12 months of age** where the worship service can be heard via intercom. A staffed **Toddler Room** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old**.

The **Care Network** is offered by the Deacons as a helping hand during difficult times. If you are in need of a ride to church, the doctor, hospital, grocery store, etc., in need of meals or a visit, contact Jan Muro (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

In Our Ongoing Prayers... Suzanne Maki and family on the loss of her father, Lewis Frost; **Ruth Woodcock** and her daughter **Sarah** (friends of Becky Burr); **Will Livermore**, Pat Lazeren's brother; **Shirley Bryant; Dick Saich; Mike Kermode** deployed in Afghanistan; **Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross**, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); **Deborah Costello**, friend of Angel Hockenberry, (breast cancer); **Richard Brooke**, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; **Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Ray Turner**, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner (stroke); **Martha Fowler** (cancer); **Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle**, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; **Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell** (heart); **Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann**, friend of the Gerakaris'; **John Mayhew; John Kaminski**, Susan Moreau's father; **Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase**