

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC
January 18, 2015

PRELUDE "Madrigal" Guilmant
"Toccata and Fugue" Seeger
"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" Wood
"With High Delight Let Us Unite" Balcombe

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Steve Westerberg

Leader: Come and See!

People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Leader: Come and See!

People: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

Leader: Come and See!

People: We come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and See!

People: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Leader: Come and See!

People: Yes, Lord, we come to follow you!

*OPENING HYMN #586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

O Holy One, source of all life and of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors – to worship you. As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call to follow you. May we be transformed from individuals to disciples of your one body. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation to follow the path of love. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

ANTHEM

"Pick Up Your Cross"
The Sunday School Singers

SCRIPTURE John 1:43-51

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

*HYMN #352 "Spirit Song"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Only Thou Art Holy" M. McDonald

*DOXOLOGY

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

*CLOSING HYMN #344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Gloria" Mozart

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

Join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Fellowship Hall.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in memory of Karen Heebner by Larry, Jon and Ben Heebner.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Board of Trustees

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Elly Swan and family on the loss of her husband, Mike; Jan Peacock on the loss of her sister, June Christensen; Gilmay Markunas and family; the family of Julie Wrona on her loss; Hal Cummings; Pat Lazeren; Margaret Klukas; Karen Rowell; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Joel Covington; Jack Allen; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Joyce Smith; Becky Burr; Bess Howe; Paul Westerberg; Michelle Darby; people struggling with mental illness; Debbie Chase; Sharon Lacey; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer's brother-in-law; Maggie and David Minnick; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Donna Peacock; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

WELCOME to FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of VERNON!

We are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will encounter God here, experience the love God showed the world in Jesus, and be inspired to share that love with the world. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Table. There you will find a guestbook to sign and a welcome gift to take home with you. Let us know if we can be of service to you in any way, and come back again soon

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Garden Committee: 11:15 AM, Library

J*WALKRZ: 11:15 AM, Sanctuary

Audit Committee: 11:30 PM, Quilters' Corner

Board of Music: 11:30 PM, PF Room

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Order your Super Bowl grinder today for the big game. Your choices are ham, turkey, roast beef or a combo of all three. Grinders will be made to order on February 1. Stop at the Ways and Means table today to place your order.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 19. The Church Office is closed.

Missions: Monday, January 19, 7 PM, Library

Men's Group: Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, January 20, 11 AM, Library

BCE: Tuesday, January 20, 7 PM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, January 21, 1 PM, Library

Council: Wednesday, January 21, 7 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, January 22, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, January 22, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, January 23, 10:30 AM, Library

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25

Immediately 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. Anyone with concerns about the Crib Room should contact Sally Sullivan, 871-1473. A staffed **Toddler Room**, located downstairs in the Kellogg wing, is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.

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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.