

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 1, 2015

*Holy Communion*

**PRELUDE**                    “Entracte”                    Schubert  
   “The Angel’s Serenade”                    Braga  
   “Triumphal March”                    Grieg

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*)                    Sue Mias

Leader: In the presence of God,

**People: We are filled with hope,**

Leader: We are overwhelmed by love,

**People: We sense a holy mystery.**

Leader: In the presence of the God,

**People: We stand in awe,**

Leader: We fall on our knees,

**People: We are made new.**

Leader: In the presence of God,

**People: Our voices rise in songs of joyful praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN #420 “I Come with Joy”

**PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

Eternal God, we thank you for this hour of prayer. Help us worship you in spirit and in truth. Let our souls be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our hearts opened to your love, and our wills surrendered to your purpose. May we be swept away in adoration as we sing and pray and give you honor in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**CALL to PRAYER**

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.

**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**

Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**SCRIPTURE**                    Matthew 16:24-27

**SERMON**

Rev. Meg Watson

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                    “God Will Make a Way”                    D. Moen  
   *Kurt Dembeck, soloist*

\*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**                    “Chaconne”                    Durand

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

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

**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

### **In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

Pat Aldrich, Judy and Hannah Ramsdell and family on the loss of Ken Aldrich, husband, father and grandfather; Deborah Liebl, friend of Millie Oliphant and Kathy Bainbridge; Gilmay Markunas and family; 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*

**Greeters:** Board of Deacons

**Coffee Hour:** Board of Missions

### **TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**2015 Golf Event Meeting:** 11:15 AM in the Library. Anyone interested in planning this event is invited to join us for this brief meeting.

**TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

**If you ordered grinders for the Super Bowl,** don't forget to pick them up today.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Evening Circle:** Monday, February 2, 7 PM at Marilyn Newton's home. We'll be making Valentine gifts for the homebound. If you plan on attending please bring a roll of sugar cookie dough.

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, February 3, 11 AM, Library

**Council:** Wednesday, February 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, February 5, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, February 5, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, February 6, 10:30 AM, Library

**Thank You:** Jim Montlick and his family wish to thank the church family for their cards, prayers and support during Lois' long illness and her final passing in December.

**Needed!** The Board of Missions is in need of a few volunteers to help make lunch at the Cornerstone Soup Kitchen on the first Saturday of every month. We could still use a few folks on February 7 and we will need 5 or 6 for March 7. Please contact Emily Westerberg if you are interested. Thanks!!

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**.

**The loose offering collected today** is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid, in time of emergency, to people within the congregation.

### **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.

**Reminder:** FCCV records its Sunday worship services. These services are available for viewing on a one-week delay on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

**Acolytes Needed!** To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at DelytheK@yahoo.com or (860) 872-3004.