

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

February 2, 2014

Holy Communion

PRELUDE "Entr'acte" Schubert
"The Angels' Serenade" Braga
"At Church" Pierné

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Dave Bower

Leader: We gather in this place to worship God,

People: To grow in love for God and one another.

Leader: We gather and are joined together by the Holy Spirit,

People: To lift our hearts in song and prayer as one.

Leader: We gather at the table to remember Jesus,

People: To celebrate the sacrament of grace.

Leader: We come with joy as God's beloved children,

People: To revel in the light of holy love.

***OPENING HYMN** #420 "I Come with Joy"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

You have brought us, O God, to another Lord's Day, when we are privileged to gather with you and our brothers and sisters in Christ. May we have unity of heart and mind as we open ourselves to the movement of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. 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 Psalm 15

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "How Beautiful" Twila Paris

***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** #550 "There's Within My Heart a Melody"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Postlude and Toccata on 'Hymn to Joy'" Fedak

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

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

The flowers by the Communion Table are given by Andy and Joanne Myer to honor Pastor Meg for her birthday, Saturday, February 1.

Greeters: Board of Deacons

Coffee Hour: Board of Missions

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 . . .

Stephen Kasevich, brother of Louise Theriault, dealing with cancer; Will and Diane Livermore, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Lazeren; Bonnie Brenner; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Joyce Smith; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Ben Savage, Sharon Christman's brother, dealing with cancer; Lillian Burnett, Halene Fujimoto's mother; Dick Myer, Andy Myer's brother; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft; Jan Peacock; Candy Buswell; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Mike Swan; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs.

New additions in bold print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Board of Music: 11:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship: 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

If you ordered grinders from the Ways and Means Committee don't forget to pick them up during Coffee Hour.

Scrip-Your-All: Place an order today and pick it up next Sunday, February 9. Also, if you **ordered a name tag**, you may pick that up today.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, February 3, 5:30 PM, Quilters' Corner. We'll be sanding and painting wood shapes and possibly decoupage paper and fabric onto wood.

Men's Club: Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, February 4, 11 AM, Library

New Members Class: Tuesday, February 4 at 7 PM, Library

Council: Wednesday, February 5, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

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

Bell Choir: Thursday, February 6, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, February 6, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, February 7, 10:30 AM, Library

Laity Committee Rehearsal: Friday, February 7, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, February 8, 10 AM, Sanctuary

Evening Circle: Monday, February 10 (**please note date change**), 7 PM at Marilyn Newton's home. We'll be making candy and cookie bags for the homebound. Any questions, contact Pat Lazeren or Candy Buswell.

Please Note: Beginning today and on every first Sunday of the month, all children will start upstairs to join in Holy Communion. After Communion they will be dismissed to gather in Fellowship Hall for a Children's Message. Parents, please pick up your child/children in Fellowship Hall after the service.

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

FCCV Ministries: Our **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** has launched its second 10-week series (a biblical look at friendship). We meet at 11 AM in the Library. "**Theology on Tap**" (an informal and informative discussion group) meets at the R House Restaurant on Thursday evenings at 6 PM.

Electronic Giving: We have had a great response with approximately 25 families taking part. If you aren't participating now, you can start at any time. Information is available during Coffee Hour or by contacting Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com. As a reminder, for those who are participating, small Giving Cards are available to place in the offering plate. They can be found in a basket as you enter the church.

Scrip-Your-All: Do you want Scrip cards faster or would you like to see what cards are available? If so, then the ScripNow! option is for you! You receive eCards within minutes. To learn more about ScripNow! or the Scrip-Your-All program, stop at the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour or go online at ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment Code: F2F1CF113843L). **Please Note:** Cards to local grocery stores and pharmacies are available for immediate purchase each week during Coffee Hour.

Name Tags: If you would like to order a new name tag, you can do so any Sunday during Coffee Hour or by contacting Jim Montlick at jamontlik@aol.com. You may choose a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

Giving Update: The Stewardship and Evangelism Committee would like to **thank** everyone who made a Giving Intention during our 2013 Giving Campaign. A thank you note has been written to each family that made a giving intention. To help save on mailing costs, please pick yours up today in the Narthex before the worship service or downstairs in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

Pictorial Directory Update: The activity page layout, record information and pictures have been submitted to LifeTouch as the next step in the process. LifeTouch will create a proof of the directory which will be approved by the Pictorial Directory Committee prior to going to print. This can be a two month process so we hope to have the directories in time for Easter!

Volunteers Still Needed for Reading Buddies: Anyone interested should contact Millie Oliphant at 860-87872-7106.

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather: Please watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.