

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

March 2, 2014

Holy Communion

PRELUDE "Pastorale" Widor
"Fugue" Mendelssohn
"We Believe in One True God" arr. Glyncannon

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT Gilmay Markunas

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Bob Warner

Leader: It is God who gathers us

People: **In the shelter of God's wings,**

Leader: In the beauty of this new day,

People: **In the arms of love.**

Leader: It is Christ who meets us here

People: **In the hearts of faithful people,**

Leader: In the blessing of the bread,

People: **In the cup of grace.**

Leader: Hungry for God, we gather in love

People: **To taste and see that God is good.**

*OPENING HYMN #419 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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 1 John 3:16-19

MESSAGE

Dr. Adam Daniels

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" H. W. Friedell

*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 #357 "We Call Ourselves Disciples" (vs. 1, 4 and 5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise!"

Eliot

**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 in memory of Karen Heebner by Larry, Ben and Jon Heebner.

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 worshipping 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!

Greeters: Board of Deacons

Coffee Hour: Board of Music

Deacons assisting with Communion: Michelle Bower (Deacon-in-charge), Jim Wilson, Don Peacock, Cheryl Purnell, Mike Swan, Brianna Markunas, Millie Oliphant

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Carol Shea dealing with a recent illness and depression due to a temporary stay at Avery Heights, Hartford; Scott Brown on the loss of his wife of 63 years, Marjory; Marge Salmon dealing with multiple health issues; Bev Duncan, recovering from surgery; Bobby Kelley, Kathy Bainbridge's brother; Heather Lazeren (Pat Lazeren's niece) and family, on the death of her father, Stanley Lazeren; 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; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; 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 DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

The **Scrip-Your-All** program continues to do well. After last week's orders of gift cards and Sunday Sales, FCCV has earned rebates of \$1,700. As you can see, your participation in using gift cards for your regular shopping does make a difference! E-Cards continue to be available within minutes using Presto-Pay so you can pick up your e-cards just prior to shopping. To learn more about the Scrip-Your-All program, stop at our table during Coffee Hour or go online to ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment Code: F2F1CF113843L).

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:25 AM, Sanctuary

Board of Music: 11:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship: 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, March 3, 6-8 PM, Quilters' Corner – easy crafts for all skill levels

Evening Circle: Monday, March 3, 7 PM at Helen Dyar's home for movie night. Please join us. Questions? Contact Pat Lazeren, 860-644-0475 or Candy Buswell, 860-869-2471.

Men's Group: Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

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

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM. **Please Note:** Church council will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 7 PM in the Choir Room.

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

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

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

Craft Group: Saturday, March 8, 10 AM-1 PM, Library. Help us make crafts for the next holiday fair. No special skills required.

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

Reminder: **Daylight Saving time begins on March 9.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

The **R. Leslie Childs Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship awarded each year to an FCCV church member or child of a member to provide assistance with musical training. The award can be used for music lessons, music education or toward the purchase of a musical instrument. Each candidate must complete an application describing their musical training and accomplishments, their planned music studies and how the scholarship will be used. Each candidate will be evaluated on their present ability, dedication, need and church involvement. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Board of Music no later than April 15.

Please Note: The Tag Sale to benefit the Youth Mission Trips has been re-scheduled to Saturday, April 26. Donations will only be accepted at the church the week before the sale (April 21-25).

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

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

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.**