

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

March 11, 2012

Celtic Christianity Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC “Nocturne” J. Field, Irish pianist
 “Scotch Poem” E. MacDowell
 “Dundee” arr. Ashford

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. David Minnick
(Please sign the Friendship Register before passing it down the pew.)

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Bonnie Doon” trad. Scottish

WORDS of REFLECTION

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun’s life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
Around the old eternal rocks.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: There is no plant in the ground but is full of His virtue

People: There is no form in the strand but is full of His blessing

Leader: Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Jesus who ought to be praised.

People: There is no life in the sea, there is no creature in the river,

Leader: There is naught in the firmament but proclaims His goodness.

People: Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Jesus who ought to be praised.

Leader: There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky,

People: There is nothing beneath the sun but proclaims His goodness.

All: Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! Jesus who ought to be praised.

(Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gadelica, adapted)

*OPENING HYMN #61 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

PRAYER of INVOCATION *(unison)*

Almighty God, Creator: the morning is Yours, rising into fullness. The summer is Yours, dipping into Autumn. Eternity is Yours, dipping into time. The vibrant grasses, the scent of flowers, the lichen on the rocks, the

tang of sea-weed. All are Yours. Gladly we live in this garden of Your creating. Come, be with us in the garden, and hear our words of praise to You. Amen.

(George MacLeod “The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory,” adapted)

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

A TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAYER *(unison...”debts”)*

(Children may leave for Sunday School after the Lord’s Prayer.)

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” arr. M. Hayes

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – the birth of Josephina Sylvia Muro, daughter of Jim and Tovah Muro and grand-daughter of Jan and Tony Muro; the birth of Hudson Christopher Prewo, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo; Holly Boutwell recovering from surgery for breast cancer

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1: 1-24

*HYMN #3 “The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore”

SERMON “And It Is Good. Very Good!” Rev. Cynthia Carr

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Morning Has Broken” arr. B. Harlan

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #696 “For Beauty of Meadows”

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “For Beauty of Meadows, For Grandeur of Trees”
 Welsh folk melody

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

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a first time visitor, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Ways & Means Committee

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by the Ferguson family in loving memory of our son and brother, Whitney T. Ferguson III, killed in action on March 11, 1969, awarded the Bronze Star with “V” clasp for valor in the engagement. Rest in peace.

The rose on the Marbletop Table is given in celebration of the birth of Hudson Christopher Prewo, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo, on March 1.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday School, Please Note: After the Children's Message, children in grades 3 years - 6th will meet in Fellowship Hall to decorate and fill snack bags for the Hockanum Valley Food Pantry, then go to their classrooms for their lesson. Grade 7/8 will decorate bags in their classroom. **Reminder:** Drop your broken crayons in the bucket for "Crayons for Cancer" and receive a new box.

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM, Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

2012 Church-wide Mission - March Out Hunger sponsored by the Board of Missions. Last week David Engelson spoke to us about the **urgent need** for HVCC. We will be collecting non-perishable items along with cash donations and grocery gift cards during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. A list of most needed items will also be available but the need is not limited to just these items. Today the Sunday School children will be making snack bags for children in our community. These bags will contain two healthy snacks and a juice box. Sunday School students will color the bags and include a message to another child. Parents in need are allowed to pick up a snack bag for their children at HVCC. Please join us in Fellowship Hall where these bags will be displayed before they are delivered to HVCC. We thank you for your ongoing support. The Board of Missions

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Crafts Group: Monday, March 12, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

<p>April CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, March 13</p>
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Men's Club: Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Soup & Scripture: Tuesday, March 13, 6 PM, Chapel

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, March 14, 1 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, March 14, 7 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, March 14, 7 PM, Chapel

S & E: Wednesday, March 14, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, March 15, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, March 15, 7:30, Choir Room

Support Group: Friday, March 16, 10:30 AM, Library

Youth Group (6th grade and up) Sleepover: Friday, March 16, 7 PM-9 AM.

We'll work on our mission, "Crayons for Cancer." Bring sleeping bags, personal items, a snack to share, movies, games, etc. Your friends are invited to attend.

Contemporary Worship Rehearsal: Saturday, March 17, 10 AM, Sanctuary

Youth Basketball: Saturday, March 17, 6:30-8:30 PM. Drop off at Wapping Community Church in South Windsor.

Crafts Central: Saturday, March 17 from 9 AM-1 PM in Fellowship Hall Stop in for a few minutes or stay for a few hours. Learn a new craft or bring supplies to teach something new. We will be making 5-6 different craft items for the next Fair, suited for all crafting abilities. If you can paint, glue or stitch, there will be something for you. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Daryl at 860-871-8594.

Mother/Child Banquet: Wednesday, March 21, 6-8 PM. Enjoy a pasta dinner followed by entertainment provided by the Lutz Museum. The program "Fur, Feathers and Scales" provides children with an opportunity to interact with nature. Please bring a dessert to share. Sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

Tag Sale, April 28, sponsored by Youth Fellowship. Please save items you no longer want and donate them to us.

Golf Committee Meeting: Monday, March 26, 7 PM in the Library

2012 LENTEN SEASON

Soup and Scripture

Tuesdays, March 13 and 27, 6-7 PM in the Library, led by Joseph Tobin

Join us for a light meal and scripture.



Agape Dinner

Sunday, March 18, 5-7 PM in Fellowship Hall

Dinner and activities related to Lent

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Enjoy a pasta dinner followed by "Fur, Feathers and Scales, a program presented by the Lutz Museum that provides children an opportunity to interact with nature.

Music @ First Concert – The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, March 25, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 10 AM worship service (no Communion)

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion and Office of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 5, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 8

Sunrise Service, 6:15 AM in the Memorial Garden

Coffee, juice, muffins, etc. following in Fellowship Hall

Worship Services at 9 AM and 11 AM

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, please contact Margaret Klukas (643-0710) or Jan Muro (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com). **Volunteers Needed!** The Care Network is looking for volunteers to help with driving. Recently, we have had requests for rides to church as well as doctors' appointments. We are aware that volunteers will not always be available when a ride is needed, so we need to add more names to our list of drivers. If this request touches your heart, please contact Jan or Margaret or find us on Sundays at Coffee Hour.

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 for children 12-36 months** old is located downstairs with the classrooms. Donations are gratefully accepted in the free-will offering box.

Cancellation of Church Services or Activities Due to Inclement Weather:

Please listen to any of the following radio stations: WTIC AM (1080), WTIC FM (96.5), WRCH FM (100.5), watch WFSB Channel 3 or go to wfsb.com.

Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters: Our supply of finished Prayer Shawls has been depleted. We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. Please join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Church Library or feel free to make one at home. FCCV Prayer Shawl Ministry questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... the **Boutwell** family; **Helen Dyar** recovering from a compressive fracture of her lower spine; **Martha Fowler** dealing with cancer; **Ann Garrison; Michael Bebrin;** the **leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Todd Lentocha and family** (Todd is the East Hartford police officer injured in an auto accident); **Ellie Cantlin** (Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer; **FCCV Search Committee; Mike Swan** undergoing chemo for a reoccurrence of cancer; **Kathy Fuller**, Barbara Evensen's sister; **Caleb**, son of Jessica Gwara (friend of Annie Longo); **Donna Peacock; Kyle**, son of Rob Czaplicki (friend of Rob Horton); **Joyce Smith; Dolores Tomolonis**, friend of Mary and Jim White, (cancer); **Thelma Gifford; Kaylin Gifford; Rick Gagnon**, brother-in-law of Michelle Bower (cancer); **Warren Clay; Gary Edwards**, friend of Serena Volovski; **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; Stephen Volovski; Donald Chase; Audrey Clay** (breast cancer)