

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 5, 2015

Easter

**PRELUDE** "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Landon  
"Variations on 'Coronation'" Smith  
"Carillon de Westminster" Vierne

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** "All Glory Laud and Honor"  
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
*Bell Choir*

**\*CALL to WORSHIP** Debi Hockenberry

Leader: Roll away every stone.

**People: Brush away every tear.**

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today!

**People: The Lord is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Forgive every transgression.

**People: Let every soul begin anew.**

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today!

**People: The Lord is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Shout it from the mountaintops!

**People: Lift every voice in song!**

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today!

**People: The Lord is risen, indeed!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** #216 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

**PRAYER of INVOCATION**

**God of morning light, God of Easter miracles, open our hearts to hear once again the story of love overcoming death, of joy drowning out sorrow, of hope emerging from despair. Bring new life to the dry and empty places in our lives, and fill us with your power and love today, in Jesus' name. 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.**

**LITTLE BELLS** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 16:1-8  
John 20:11-18

**SERMON**

Rev. Meg Watson

**ANTHEM**

"Thine Is the Glory"

Handel

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"Crown Him"

L. Larson

**\*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** #226 "He Lives!"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Toccatà"

MacMaster

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

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

**Bell Choir:** Dave Bower, Michelle Bower, Leanne Connolly, Jane Burr, Margaret Klukas, Althea Madigan, Joanne Myer, Stacy Melanson

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Alma Graziani**, in hospice, **Ed, Alayna and Justin**, her husband, daughter and son; **Linda Heim, Michael and April Calvelli** on the loss of Max Heim, father and grandfather; the family of Betty Worden on her death; Phyllis Chase; Dillon and Tanner Peterson and family, friends of Christa and Ryan; Mike Lazeren; Becky Burr; Deborah Liebl; Gilmay Markunas and family; Hal Cummings; Pat Lazeren; Margaret Klukas; Karen Rowell; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Jack Allen; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Joyce Smith; 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; 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; 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 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.

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

**Evening Circle:** Monday, April 6, 7 PM at Joanne Myer's home for Movie Night

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

There is **no Bible Study** this week.

**Church Council:** Wednesday, April 8, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, April 9, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

**Support Group:** Friday, April 10, 10:30 AM, Library

**Memorial Garden Spring Clean-up:** Saturday, April 11 at 9 AM (back-up date is April 18). Any and all help would be appreciated.

**Lasagna Dinner:** Saturday, April 11, 5:30 PM, hosted by the Ways and Means Committee. Menu: veggie or meat lasagna, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Cost - \$12 per person. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

**FCCV Kitchen Cleaning!** Tuesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 9 from 6-8 PM. Do you have an hour or two to help clean and organize? We'll be cleaning counters, cabinet fronts and organizing contents. A professional will be hired to clean the oven and stove and Dave Symonds has volunteered to wash and wax the floor when our cleaning is complete. Please bring a sponge (or two) and disinfectant cleaner. Questions? Contact Holly Boutwell (hollyboutwell@comcast.net or 860-872-6359 evenings (no voicemail).

**Mother/Child Banquet:** Wednesday, April 22, 6 PM hosted by Women's Fellowship. This year, a dinner of pizza and salad will be served followed by a fun evening of Minute-to-Win-It challenges provided by the youth group. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board and bring a dessert to share.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held here at FCCV July 6-10 from 9 AM to 12 PM. This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!" Cost is \$20 per child, \$40 max per family. Funds are available if this is a financial burden. Just talk to Debi Hockenberry. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail they are available in the Church Office, DCE Office and on the Sunday School bulletin board. Deadline for sign up is May 30! Volunteers (young and old) are needed as singers, storytellers, science teachers, folks who like to play games, food preparers, shepherds, decorators who want to help us transform FCCV into Mount Everest - those who just love kids and want to take part. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Debi Hockenberry at 860-712-6466 or dir.christian.ed@firstchurchofvernon.org.

**Tag Sale:** Saturday, April 25, 9 AM sponsored by the J\*Walkrz. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the Quilters' Corner the week of April 18-24 or bring it the night of April 24 and we'll be happy to help you haul it in! Thank you for supporting the youth!!

**Applications** for the **Les Childs Music Scholarship** may be picked up in the Church Office. Completed applications must be submitted to the Board of Music no later than April 15, 2015. Questions? Contact mgiordano2@gmail.com.

**Ongoing Sunday School Mission:** We're collecting pre-packaged, non-perishable snacks and juice boxes for kids in Vernon who may not have a snack when they get home from school. Donations may be left in the box outside the DCE Office door.

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 **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.

**Name Tags:** If you need a name tag, you can order it any Sunday during Coffee Hour or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You have a choice of a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

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