

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 20, 2014

Easter

PRELUDE "The Strife Is O'er" Smith
"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Broughton
"Carillon" Mulet

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive) Taunya Cruz

Leader: The stone is rolled away.

People: **The tomb is empty.**

Leader: The sun begins to rise.

People: **The Son has risen!**

Leader: It is a morning of great joy,

People: **The dawn of a new hope,**

Leader: A celebration of life that never ends

People: **And love that never dies.**

Leader: For Christ the Lord is risen today!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

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

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

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.

ANTHEM "I Will Rise" C. Tomlin
Contemporary Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #518 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
(vs. 1, 2 and 3)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "See, What a Morning" Getty/Townsend
Sanctuary Choir

*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 "Carillon" Boëllmann

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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

Please Note: There is no Sunday School today but child care will be provided for children up to 5 years old in the PF Room of Kellogg Hall.

Greeters: Al Newton and Dave Grigg

Coffee Hour: Board of Finance

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Craft Group: Monday, April 21, 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Please Note: There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, April 22.

Trustees: Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, April 23, 7 PM, Chapel

Theology on Tap: Thursday, April 24, 6 PM at R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, April 24, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, April 25, 10:30 AM, Library

Tag Sale, Saturday, April 26 to benefit the Youth Mission Trips. If you are doing any spring cleaning please consider donating your unwanted items (gently used, please). Donations will be accepted at the church during the week.

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 . . .

Claudette Weingart having knee surgery tomorrow; Eleanor Sweet, Tom Sweet's mother, dealing with cancer; Gerry Dyar; Jan Peacock; Julie, ex-daughter-in-law of Joanne and Andy Myer, suffering from stage 4 cancer; Nicole Cartier; Bob O'Gara; Bonnie Brenner; Carol Shea; Marge Salmon; Bobby Kelley, Kathy Bainbridge's brother; Stephen Kasevich; Will and Diane Livermore; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Ben Savage; Lillian Burnett; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; 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; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; 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***

Earth Day, next Sunday, April 27. The **Sunday School children** will be celebrating Earth Day here at church. Children should wear play clothes and be ready to help plant the flowers they bring. Garden shovels and watering cans are needed (please label them with your name). We will start upstairs for the Children's Message and a blessing of our flowers before meeting in Fellowship Hall where we will split into groups to plant and beautify our church grounds.

Nominating Committee: Sunday, April 27, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School, June 23-27 from 9 AM -noon. Volunteers are needed to teach and assist in all areas. Training will be provided. Please consider joining us and supporting our children in their Christian faith. Contact Linda Shivers- 860-871-9164 or necsvga@aol.com, if interested or any questions.

Women's Fellowship Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is available to any church member who is continuing their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office and should be returned to the Women's Fellowship mailbox by May 31.

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**.

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. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.