

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

April 26, 2015

PRELUDE "Sonata No. 6" Haydn
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" Mansfield
"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Smith
"Processional" Hughes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

INTROIT Psalm 23 (*cantored*)

*CALL to WORSHIP Marlene Bennett

Leader: Come, let us sing our alleluias to God!

People: We gather here together hand in hand to praise God, our Friend and Shepherd.

Leader: Let us look to the cross for all our needs.

People: Because of God's love given through Christ Jesus, we know we are truly blessed.

All With God, Christ will be our Truth, our Light, and our Life.

*OPENING HYMN #277 "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Christ, we praise you and thank you for being our Good Shepherd. You gather your people like a caring shepherd gathers the flock of sheep. You enfold us with your all-encompassing, unconditional love. You refresh us like a stream flowing freely with pure crystal clear water. You nourish us like a host whose table is welcoming and heavy laden with sustenance. Please come among us as we gather to hear your refreshing and transforming words of promise and direction and as we honor your name as our guardian, guide, hope, and giver of salvation. 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.

ANTHEM "Because He Lives" W. Gaither

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

SERMON Rev. Joanne Myer

*HYMN #80 "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Shepherd Me Lord" G. Kingsley

*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 #558 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lead On, O King Eternal!" Thygerson

*All who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Tim and Jennifer Condry in honor of Maddy's 13th birthday.

The flowers on the Marbeltop Table are given by Joanne and Andy Myer and their grandsons, Brandon and Brady in memory of Brandon and Brady's beloved mother, Julie, who would have celebrated her 41st birthday on April 24.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Rachel Meneses, Debi Hockenberry's cousin; Irene Mias, Greg's mother, in rehab; Joyce Smith; Debbie Chase; Jane Saich's step-daughter on the loss of her husband James Pepin; Phyllis Chase; 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; Bess Howe; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness; 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; 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; 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.

Greeter: Patty Noblet

Coffee Hour: Board of Finance

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 10: Purchase a blanket 'in honor' or 'in memory' of a special woman in your life. Just \$5 will purchase a sturdy, wool blanket through Church World Services. These blankets are used in the United States and abroad in times of need and disaster.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MSSG: Monday, April 27, 7 PM, Library

Men's Group: Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, April 28, 11 AM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, April 30, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

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

Support Group: Friday, May 1, 10:30 AM, Library

The **Silent Auction**, which is a part of the Golf Event to benefit FCCV, will begin May 3 before and after the worship service in Fellowship Hall and will continue each Sunday through June 7 (except for May 24). Check out all the offerings and place a bid. We need items for the auction and the raffle. Please consider donating a service or item (i.e. babysitting, yardwork, dinner, a solo, gift certificate, day with the mayor). Any questions, contact Gaile Dembeck at 860-871-1265 or kurtgaile@sbcglobal.net.

Vacation Bible School will be held here at FCCV July 6-10 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Cost is \$20 per child, \$40 max per family. Registration forms are available in the Church Office, DCE Office and on the Sunday School bulletin board. Deadline for sign up is May 30! If you have questions, contact Debi Hockenberry at 860-712-6466 or dir.christian.ed@firstchurchofvernon.org.

The **deadline** for Boards and Committees to submit reports for the **Annual Report** for the Annual Organizational Meeting in June is **Monday, May 5** - no exceptions, please. Reports should be turned in to Nancy in the Church Office. Thank you!

The Nominating Committee is responsible for helping our Boards and Committees find members to fill any open positions that may exist year-to-year. If you would like to serve on any Board or Committee, please contact Tom Sweet, Moderator, at 860-875-3172.

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.