

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 10, 2015

PRELUDE "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin
"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" M. Smith
"Our God Is an Awesome God" Mullins
"Indescribable" Story/Reeves

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** Dave Bower

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song.

People: Let our joy be complete!

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song.

People: Love one another!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song.

People: No longer servants but friends!

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise.

People: Rejoicing in the love of God.

***OPENING HYMN** #586 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Holy and mysterious God of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love. By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears, that with minds open to your Spirit we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name.

Through Christ Jesus, 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.

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 "Edelweiss"
Little Bells

SCRIPTURE John 15:9-17

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

***HYMN** #39 "My Tribute" (*2 times*)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "God Will Make a Way" D. Moen
Kurt Dembeck - soloist

***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** "Indescribable" (*insert*)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Recessional" Callendar

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

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

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.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of my twin sister, Joan Meyer Glynn, on our birthday from Jean and Bill McDermott.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in honor of Meg Watson in thanks for all you do. I love you. Happy Mother's Day from Kimberly.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Paula Dascomb recovering from surgery; Lillian Morse, daughter of Jim and Heidi Morse; the family of Hal Cummings on his death; Rachel Meneses; Irene Mias; Joyce Smith; Debbie Chase; Phyllis Chase; Mike Lazeren; Becky Burr; Deborah Liebl; Gilmay Markunas and family; 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; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Board of Christian Education and Teaching Parish Committee

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Stewardship & Evangelism: 11:15 AM in the Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

The **Silent Auction** is taking place today and on May 17 and May 31, June 7 and June 13 at the Golf Tournament. There are some great values and we hope to see your bid! If you want a chance to make a final bid on June 13 and can't make it to Willow Brook Golf Club, you may authorize someone who is there to bid for you or put an asterisk (*) beside your bid and telephone number and someone will contact you around 2 PM for bidding purposes.

FCCV Mugs are back! Only \$10 each and the money goes towards supporting our outreach efforts. Purchase a mug and receive a recipe for a Five-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake (if you've previously purchased a mug, you can stop by and pick up the recipe).

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Ways & Means: Monday, May 11, 7 PM, Chapel

MSSG: Monday, May 11, 7 PM, Library

<p style="text-align: center;">June CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, May 12</p>

Men's Group: Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, May 12, 1 PM, Library

Bible Study: Tuesday, May 12, 11 AM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, May 12, 7 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 14, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 14, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 15, 10:30 AM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, May 16, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

The **Nominating Committee** will meet at 11:20 AM on Sunday, May 17 in the Quilters' Corner and Sunday, May 24 in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Sweet at 860-875-3172 or tsweetasc@aol.com.

What is Tai-Chi, Reiki and Sound Healing and How Can it Help Me? Monday, May 18, 7 PM in Fellowship Hall sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Open to all church members and the public so bring a friend. There will be refreshments and a door prize. A free-will offering will be collected.

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.

"Indescribable"

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus

Ham Dinner: Friday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 PM, sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. Menu: ham, baked beans, cole slaw, scalloped corn (Geraldine Strong's recipe), dessert and beverage. Cost - \$10. An alternate children's menu will be available.

Scrip Your All Update: This year, to date, we have earned \$1,475. New card offerings are now available during Coffee Hour, including JC Penny's, Staples and \$25 Stop & Shop cards. Please consider participating in this great program. You receive full value of the gift cards purchased and FCCV receives earnings from each card sold - a win/win situation. Gift cards may be purchased during Coffee Hour, but you can also order or get almost instantly online with Scrip Now! (e-cards!). For complete information, visit our church website (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. Thank you to all who are participating.

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.**