

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC  
May 11, 2014

PRELUDE "Sonata in B-flat" Haydn  
"Ave maris stella" Liszt  
"Caprice" Bizet

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

\*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) David Kemp

Leader: We are God's church:

**People: We come together to worship.**

Leader: God has given us God's Word:

**People: We come together to learn from him.**

Leader: God has called us into God's family:

**People: We come together to share our lives.**

Leader: God has put God's words on our lips:

**People: We go out to tell the world about him.**

Leader: God has given us God's spirit:

**People: We come together to celebrate.**

Leader: God has showered us with God's love:

**People: We go out to share his love with others.**

Leader: We are God's church:

**People: We come together to worship.**

\*OPENING HYMN #10 "Bring Many Names"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. 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 "Handful of Weeds" S. Easter  
Duet – Meg and Kimberly Watson

SCRIPTURE John 10:11, 14-15  
Acts 2:42-44

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

\*HYMN #464 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" C. Courtney

\*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 #431 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Classical Postlude" Hughes

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

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

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

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Kim** and **David** (submitted by Linda Dayton); Christina Pavela; Marge Salmon; Mary White; Eleanor Sweet; Joyce Smith; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; Bob O'Gara; Bonnie Brenner; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; 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; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; 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*

**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.

**Additions to the Blanket Sunday Insert**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF...**

**Elizabeth Fowler**

by Martha Fowler

**Irene Nettleton Risley, grandmother**

by Carol Nelson

**IN LOVING HONOR OF...**

**Katherine Fowler and Suzanne Fowler**

by Martha Fowler

**Geraldine Strong, mother**

by Carol Nelson

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES**

**Transformers:** 11:30 AM, Choir Room

**TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

Our **Pictorial Directory** is here! If you participated in the Directory, your free **copy can be picked up during Coffee Hour.** If you did not participate, you can still receive a Pictorial Directory for a \$5 donation. A limited number of extra directories are available, so pick up yours today before they disappear!

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Evening Circle:** Monday, May 12, 7 PM at Millie Oliphant's home for Spa Night

**Ways & Means:** Monday, May 12, 7 PM, Library

**June CARILLON Deadline**

**Tuesday, May 13**

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, May 13, 11 AM, Library

**Deacons:** Tuesday, May 13, 7 PM, Library

**Prayer Shawl:** Wednesday, May 14, 1 PM, Library

**BCE:** Wednesday, May 14, 7 PM, Library

**Missions:** Wednesday, May 14, 4 PM, Chapel

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, May 15, 6 PM at R House Restaurant

**Sanctuary Choir:** Thursday, May 15, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, May 16, 10:30 AM, Library

**Contemporary Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, May 17, 10 AM, Sanctuary

*The kiss of the sun for pardon  
The song of the birds for mirth  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.*

The Memorial Garden is awake after a long winter's nap and there is work to be done. We need volunteers to join us as we prepare the Garden for summer. Come spend some time in God's garden and bring your rakes and shovels.

**Saturday, May 17, 9 AM**

**Raffle Prizes needed for FCCV's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on June 7**

The success of this event is an integral part of our 2014 operating budget, not to mention that it is certain to be a fun day for all! We are counting on the support of church members, friends of the church and the community at large to make this event a huge success. One way you can help is by donating a raffle prize. Raffle prize ideas can include: gift certificates/cards to local restaurants and businesses, theme gift baskets, tickets to athletic events, a weekend getaway, golf-related items, etc. Consider purchasing a gift card from our Scrip-Your-All table to donate. FCCV benefits from the original purchase, as well as the donated card!

**Please Note:** The Maundy Thursday service was recorded and is available to purchase for a donation of \$5. If interested, please contact the Church Office.

**Vacation Bible School,** June 23-27 from 9 AM-noon at Rockville United Methodist Church, Grove Street, Vernon with Family Night held here on Thursday, June 26. This year's theme is "Workshop of Wonders, Imagine & Build with God." Registration forms are available by contacting Linda Shivers or Deb Hockenberry or by stopping by the Church Office. **VBS volunteers are needed** to assist in all areas. Training will be provided. All volunteers must fill out a volunteer form and those over 18 years of age are required to have a background check. Contact Linda Shivers at 860-871-9164 or necsvga@aol.com, if interested or with 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.

**Please Note:** A heated **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 (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

during Coffee Hour today.

## **2014 FCCV Golf Event**



**June 7**

Willow Brook Golf Course  
South Windsor

- Be a sponsor (tee sign, lunch, on-course games)
- Be a player
- Buy raffle tickets
- Enter the 50/50 putting contest

***Help make 2014 a success!***

**Drop by the “Golf Shop” in Fellowship Hall**