

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 17, 2015

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE	“Pizzicato”	Delibes
	“Cavatina”	Raff
	“Chorale Prelude on ‘Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense’”	Fink
	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	Dykes

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

Deb Hampton

Leader: In this room we gather for worship,

People: **We share our struggles and count our blessings,**

Leader: We pray for one another,

People: **We pray for ourselves.**

Leader: We come together as one in the presence of God,

People: **And God meets us here, in this very room.**

*OPENING HYMN #295 “In This Very Room”

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Holy One, you call us into being and claim us as your own. You love us and forgive us, even when we fail to follow you. When we lose our way, you find us. Find us here and now. Speak to us in word and song. Move among us in the silences. Show us again how to have the abundant life you offer us in Jesus Christ 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 “Growing in Leaps and Bounds”
Sunday School Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:44-53

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

*HYMN #575 “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Blessings” L. Story

*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 #480 “I Love to Tell the Story”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Allegra” Stanley

**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.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Steve Boucher and family on the death of his mother R’Dell; Paula Dascomb recovering from surgery; Lillian Morse, daughter of Jim and Heidi Morse; 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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Memorial Garden Committee: 11:15 AM, Library

Nominating Committee: 11:15 AM, Quilters' Corner

Board of Music: 11:30 AM, PF Room

J*Walkrz: 3:30 PM, PF Room

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Silent Auction today and on May 31, June 7 and June 13 at the Golf Tournament. If you want a chance to make a final bid on June 13 and can't make it to Willow Brook Golf Course, you may authorize someone 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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.

Men's Group: Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Bible Study: Tuesday, May 19, 11 AM, Library

BCE: Tuesday, May 19, 7 PM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, May 20, 1 PM, Library

Finance: Wednesday, May 20, 7:15 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 21, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 21, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, May 22, 10:30 AM, Library

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.

Vacation Bible School, July 6-10 from 9 AM to 12 PM at FCCV. Cost - \$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.

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.

FCCV Golf Event June 13 at Willow Brook Golf Course



- Sponsor a Tee
- Be a Player
- Buy Raffle Tickets
- 50/50 Putting Contest
- Participate in the Silent Auction

*A list of auction items can be found online
at fccvauction.com.*

Stop by our Table in Fellowship Hall Today

Help Make 2015 a Success!