

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 24, 2015

*Pentecost*

PRELUDE "The Easy Winners" Joplin  
"March" Mendelssohn

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL to WORSHIP Taunya Bird

Leader: When we feel alone, when we feel rejected

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

Leader: When we feel drained and dried up and we can't give any more,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

Leader: When we are unsure of how to move or where to go or what to do,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

Leader: Come and comfort us, revive us, move in us, and encourage us on the journey of faith.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN #265 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

**Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us – in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us the courage to speak your love everywhere we go and show your love to everyone we meet. In the name of Christ we pray. 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 "Battle Hymn" J. Howe  
*Patrick Connolly - solo*

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

\*HYMN #249 "Spirit"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Be Still" D. Evans

\*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 #352 "Spirit Song"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Liberty Bell" Sousa

*\*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 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.

**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; 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

**Nominating Committee:** 11:15 AM, Library

## **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 25. The Church Office is closed.

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Trustees:** Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, May 28, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

**Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, May 28, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Support Group:** Friday, May 29, 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.

**Please Note:** The following dedication was inadvertently omitted from the Mother's Day Blanket insert... "In loving memory of our mothers, Christine Richard and Amy Symonds by Donna and David Symonds." We apologize for the oversight.

**Vernon Chorale:** Saturday, June 6, 7:30 PM at FCCV. Tickets available at the door. \$15/Adults, \$10 Seniors/Students

**Commissioned Ministry in the UCC Meeting:** Sunday, June 7, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Our Sanctuary Choir Director, Leanne Connolly is currently working to attain this designation. Leanne and the In Care Committee will be sharing information with all who are interested.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jmoze@hotmail.com) or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

**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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.