

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

May 31, 2015

Confirmation Sunday

PRELUDE "How Great Is Our God" Promise Keepers
"Speak Life" tobyMac
"God's Not Dead" Newsboys

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

Barbara Hesse

Leader: The spirit of God calls us from many places; some of us come from busy homes with many people, some of us live alone.

People: **We are a part of the family.**

Leader: This week has been different for each of us; some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate, some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

People: **We are members of God's family.**

Leader: Yet we all come to this same place; all of us seeking God's presence in our lives, all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

People: **Together we become God's family.**

*OPENING HYMN #452 "Here I Am, Lord"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

O God, we praise you for making it possible for us to claim membership of the body of Christ; a gift received through the fullness of your grace. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. If one member rejoices, we all rejoice. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love for all people. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body, and for the gifts we each bring in service to you. 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 "My Lord, What a Morning" Spiritual

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12:12-27

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

THE RITE of CONFIRMATION

Congregational Promise to Confirmands (*unison*)

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Are One Body" P. Baloché

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Many Gifts, One Spirit" A. Pote

*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 #494 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Pushing Back the Dark" Josh Wilson
"For the Love of You" Audrey Assad
"He Is With Us" Love & The Outcome

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

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in congratulations to our 2015 Confirmation Class by the Board of Christian Education.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

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; Gilmary 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

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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for a **Potluck Luncheon** following the Worship Service.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Evening Circle: Monday, June 1, 7 PM for a Potluck Supper at Pam Lyons' home. Bring your favorite dish.

Men's Group: Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Council: Wednesday, June 3, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 4, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 5, 10:30 AM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 6, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

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.

Please Note: If you signed up to attend the **Women's Fellowship Retreat** at Camp Conri in Ashford on September 25, a deposit of \$57 is due by June 1. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and send it to Jane Saich, 54 Trout Stream Drive, Vernon.

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
- Bid on Auction Items
- 50/50 Putting Contest

Only 13 days to go!
Sign up during Coffee Hour today!

Help Make 2015 a Success!