

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 1, 2014

Holy Communion

PRELUDE "Invocation and Sonata" Guilmant
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Smith
"Andante moderato" Fauré

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Doe Simmonds

Leader: O God, we come today reminded of your greatness and glory,

People: Your sovereign power and eternal purpose all expressed so wonderfully in Jesus Christ, our Lord, risen and ascended.

Leader: We thank you for the wonder of Ascension,

People: That marvelous yet mysterious moment in the life of the Apostles which left them gazing heavenwards in confusion yet departing in joy.

Leader: We thank you for the way that it brought the earthly ministry of Jesus to a fitting conclusion;

People: Signifying his oneness with you, and demonstrating your final seal of approval on all that he had done.

Leader: We thank you that through his Ascension Jesus is now set free to be Lord of all:

People: No longer bound to a particular place or time, but with us always - able to reach even to the ends of the earth.

Leader: We thank you that through his departing Jesus prepared for his coming again:

All: Through his Spirit, his Church, and his coming again in glory.

*OPENING HYMN #91 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Almighty God, as we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension. Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL to PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of 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.

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11

*HYMN #631 Lift Every Voice and Sing"

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Ain't Got Time to Die" H. Johnson

*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 #216 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise" Herman/Smith

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

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

Please Note: Following Communion, the Sunday School children will gather in Fellowship Hall for music and make-your-own sundaes.

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.

Please Note: There will be an **Informational Meeting** in the Sanctuary immediately following the Worship Service to discuss the proposed changes to the By-laws.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Flower and Ushering Committees

Children Receiving Attendance Awards:

1st year Nicholas Giordano, Ella Ohlendorf, Michael Turner
2nd year Emily Hampton
3rd year Jack Longo, Lily Westerberg, Paul Westerberg
4th year Sara Turner
6th year Arielle Shivers
8th year Mariah Shivers

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Group: Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

Women's Fellowship Steering Committee: Tuesday, June 3, 7 PM, Library.

Anyone interested in helping us plan for the coming year is invited to join us.

Council: Wednesday, June 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, June 5, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

VBS Meeting: Thursday, June 5 at Rockville United Methodist Church for all teachers, shepherds and volunteers

Support Group: Friday, June 6, 10:30 AM, Library

Evening Circle: Monday, June 9, 6:30 PM for Pot Luck at Pam Lyons' home. All are welcome!

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Paul Munns, Deb Hampton's brother; Kim and David; 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

Summer Sunday School for grades 3 years – 5th begins next Sunday. Teachers are needed for a one-week commitment. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the Library.

Raffle Prizes needed for FCCV's 6th Annual Golf Tournament on June 7

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!

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. Registration forms are available by contacting Linda Shivers or Deb Hockenberry or by stopping by the Church Office. VBS is in need of **cardboard** (not Styrofoam) **egg cartons**. Please give with Linda Shivers.

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

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. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.