

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 2, 2013

Music Appreciation Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC “Wedding Day at Troldhaugen” Grieg
“Piano Concerto, opening theme” Tchaikovsky
“March from Aida” Verdi/Lemare

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

ACOLYTES

PRELUDE “Fanfare” Lemmens

CHORAL CALL to WORSHIP “Holy Ground”
Sanctuary and Contemporary Choirs

***OPENING HYMN #112** “Holy Ground”

UNISON PRAYER of INVOCATION from “*The Church Musician’s Prayer*”
God of glory, around your eternal throne all of creation offers unceasing songs of praise: Grant that we may overhear these songs, and with our own lips and lives interpret them to all in whose presence we play or sing; That your church may behold the beauty of God, through Jesus our Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING REMARKS Rev. Meg Watson

PRESENTATION of the LES CHILDS SCHOLARSHIP Serena Volovski

TRANSFORMERS “Hush” Trad. Spiritual

SCRIPTURE Psalm 150

BRINGING the WORD - SANCTUARY CHOIR
“Shepherd Me, Lord” G. Kingsley
“I Lift Up Mine Eyes” A. Pote
“Psalm 150, O Praise Ye the Lord” C. Franck

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY - CONTEMPORARY CHOIR
“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Rodgers/Wyse

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER of DEDICATION** (*unison*)

Accept these gifts, O God, as symbols of our love and gratitude. Shine your light through them and us, that your glory will be known throughout the world and throughout the generations. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN #393** “one Bread, One Body” (*vs. 1 and 2 only*)

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER and 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 DRINKING 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 (*unison*)

Loving God, we give you thanks that you have spiritually nourished us with this sacred meal. We are grateful for these precious moments of communion with you and with one another. Make your home within us and let your love be the music of our hearts. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Morning Has Broken” and “Joyful, Joyful” (*insert*)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing” B. Backer

POSTLUDE “Carillon – Sortie” Mulet

***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!

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in celebration of Tony Muro’s 70th birthday.

Deacons assisting with Communion: Judy Ramsdell (Deacon-in-charge), Mike Swan, Pat Lazeren, Delythe Kracke, Larry Bates, Phyllis Chase, Don Peacock

Greeters: Deacons

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

The **Fowler family** on the death of Martha's daughter, Beth, who died of a stroke on Memorial Day; **Claudette Weingart** having hip surgery at Hartford Hospital June 3; **Rey and Lynette Melanson and family** on the death of his mother, Theresa; **Valerie Flitcroft**, friend of Marilyn and Al Newton; **family and friends of Matt Masse**, killed in an auto accident in South Windsor; Irene Wasco, Monica Becker's mother, dealing with multiple aging issues; the people of Oklahoma affected by the tornadoes; Nancy Bezzini and family on the death of her husband, Guy; Dick Wurst recovering; Jan Peacock; Muriel Schiebel; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; the Search Committee; Margaret Klukas' sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses, cousin of the Hockenberrys; Jim Anderson, friend of Bob Shoemaker; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher; Marine Corps Lance Corporal Steven Carr and his wife, Angel Hockenberry Carr; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; Libby Ann Parker; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Dick Saich; Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Mayhew; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

New additions in bold print

TODAY DURING COFFE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for cake as we wish Tony Muro a Happy Birthday.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Board of Music: 11:45 AM, Library

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Club: Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Crafts Group: Tuesday, June 4, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Women's Fellowship Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 7 PM, Library

Council: Wednesday, June 5, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. All agenda items should be submitted to Moderator Tony Muro by today.

Support Group: Friday, June 7, 10:30 AM, Library

Sunday School Rehearsal: Saturday, June 8, noon, Sanctuary

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 9

immediately following the Worship Service

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3 years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

CLOSING HYMN MEDLEY

"Morning Has Broken" and "Joyful, Joyful"

Congregation's Part:

**Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.**

**Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Vacation Bible School, June 24-28: There are still openings for children ages 3 years-5th grade. Registration forms are available from the Church Office or contact Linda Shivers or Debi Hockenberry.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A deposit of \$56.50 is required. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant, 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon, CT 06066.

The **By-Laws Revision Committee** needs your input! FCCV members Tony Muro, Karl Prewo, Hal Cummings and Tom Sweet have begun to review the church by-laws to determine what changes or corrections need to be made to insure our church organizational guideline is current as we move forward. To complete this process, we need input from each Board/Committee. July 1 ushers in our new organizational year with new Board/Committee members. We ask each Board/Committee to look at the section of the by-laws that pertains to them so we can have further discussion this fall. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172 or tsweetasc@aol.com.

We Need Your Help! We no longer have a need for the Baldwin organ located in the Chapel. Anyone who would like to have it should contact Sally Sullivan, 860-871-1473, or any member of the Furnishings and Memorials Committee. Savers in Manchester will accept it but we need a volunteer to drive it there. We are looking to remove it ASAP.

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. A staffed **Toddler Room** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old.**

The loose offering collected today is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid, in time of emergency, to people within the congregation.