

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 3, 2012

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC “My Heart Ever Faithful” J. S. Bach
“This Sacred Banquet” Widor
“Rosamund Overture” Schubert

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value.

Albert Einstein

PRELUDE “Lord I Want to be a Christian” arr. B. Glyncannon

*CALL to WORSHIP Debbie Marshall

Leader: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

People: **Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.**

Leader: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

People: **Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.**

Leader: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us.

People: **Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.**

*OPENING HYMN #64 “We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God”

CALL to RECONCILIATION

Leader: Called to be God’s people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts.

People: **Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION (*unison*)

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would soothe our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt. In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

People: **No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God’s peace, by God’s grace, by God’s love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER (*unison...“debts”*)

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26: 26-29

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “The Church’s One Foundation” S. Wesley

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: God the Life, God the Hope, God the Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Children of the most Holy, open your hearts to the One who has created you.

People: **We open ourselves to the mystery we know as the Community of God.**

Pastor: Heirs of salvation and joint heirs of grace, give thanks to the One who loves you forever.

People: **We lift our praise to God, crying out with all creation, “Glory be to God almighty.”**

*COMMUNION HYMN #385 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

BREAKING of the BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon serving communion. Please wait until all are served before eating the bread and drinking the cup.)

SHARING of the CUP

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN #561 “It Is Well with My Soul”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Symphony No. 40” Mozart/Baker

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of Paul and Susan Shimer’s 44th wedding anniversary.

Deacons assisting with Communion: Larry Bates (Deacon-in-charge), Pat Lazeren, Jon Dunlap, Michelle Bower, Cheryl Purnell, Delythe Kracke, Debbie Marshall

Greeters: Board of Deacons

Coffee Hour: Furnishings & Memorials and Library Committees

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a first time visitor, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table. There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

New in the Pew! Pew Cards have replaced the Friendship Registers that we have used for some time. Guests to FCCV are encouraged to use these cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates during the offering. We hope this will be a more efficient way to reach out to and connect with our guests.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Transformers: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Today
following the Worship Service

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Search Committee: Monday, June 4, 7 PM, Library

Evening Circle: Monday, June 4, 6:30 PM at Pam Lyons' home for a POTLUCK PICNIC. Join us for a fun evening and bring your favorite picnic dish. Call Pat Lazeren, 860-644-0475, for directions (if needed) and to let us know you are coming so we can have an accurate head count for beverages.

Craft Group: Monday, June 4, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Council: Wednesday, June 6, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Agenda items should be turned in to Moderator Tony Muro no later than today.

Bell Choir: Thursday, June 7, 6:30 PM, PF Room

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

Support Group: Friday, June 8, 10:30 AM, Library

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, June 9, 10 AM, Sanctuary

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

Youth Fellowship: Mission week July 23- 27. If interested, sign up on the bulletin board. We will be working in our community and other towns in the state, returning home each night.

Hockanum Valley Community Council's Food Pantry is asking local faith-based groups to respond to an urgent need for food to carry them through the summer. During the summer, children are not in school and are not receiving free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches. The demand on the pantry increases significantly, particularly for food items that children usually enjoy. From **June 1-10**, Hockanum Valley will have their second annual **Feed the Hungry** faith-based food drive. They are asking our congregation to donate chicken noodle soup, ramen noodles, crackers and tuna. Please place your donations in the Mission Box in the Breezeway. Thank you for your ongoing support. Together we can make a difference.

Hockanum Valley Ringers Spring Concert: Sunday, June 10, 4 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Meadowlark Rd, Vernon. Concert is free but free-will donations will be accepted.

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 for children 12-36 months** old is located downstairs with the classrooms. Donations are gratefully accepted in the free-will offering box.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... Dale Whitney recovering from hip replacement surgery; Abby Harlow recovering from a broken arm; Ginny Hrabica, grandmother of Aarika Hrabica-Mallory, dealing with Pneumonia; friends and family of Krisann Pouliot, friend and colleague of Candace Buswell, who was killed; Meredith Ross, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); Hal Cummings; Deborah Costello, friend of Angel Hockenberry, undergoing surgery for breast cancer; Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; Stephen Volovski at Foxhill with a broken knee; Jim White, Linda Shivers' father; Ann Garrison; Corey Glidden, son of Debbie Marshall; Hudson Prewo, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo; Ray Turner, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner recovering from a stroke; Leanne Connolly; Judy Quinn, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, diagnosed with breast cancer; the Boutwell family; Martha Fowler dealing with cancer; Michael Bebrin; the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Todd Lentocha and family (Todd is the East Hartford police officer injured in an auto accident); Ellie Cantlin (Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law) dealing with stomach cancer; FCCV Search Committee; Mike Swan dealing with a reoccurrence of cancer; Caleb, son of Jessica Gwara (friend of Annie Longo); Donna Peacock; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Kaylin Gifford; Rick Gagnon, brother-in-law of Michelle Bower (cancer); Warren Clay; Gary Edwards, friend of Serena Volovski; Cooper Doyle, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell (heart); Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann, friend of the Gerakaris'; John Mayhew; John Kaminski, Susan Moreau's father; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase; Audrey Clay (breast cancer)