

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 7, 2015

Holy Communion

PRELUDE “Kum Bah Yah” arr. Wilson
“When There’s Love at Home” Wilson/McNaughton
“Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Broughton
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” arr. Livingston

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: In beauty and mystery,

People: We sense the Holy Spirit.

Leader: In the common and the ordinary,

People: We know the love of Christ.

Leader: In the bread and the cup,

People: We taste the presence of God.

Leader: In adoration and gratitude,

People: We offer praise to the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN** #420 “I Come with Joy”

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Holy and mysterious God, Companion on the way, you walk behind us and beside us; you catch us unaware. We muddle through our daily lives as if you are no longer with us – then, you make your presence known. We recognize you in ordinary places, in ordinary faces, in the smallest acts of kindness, in the breaking of the bread. Make your presence known today in every area of our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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 Matthew 18:1-7

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Allen 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** #431 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Christ For the World We Sing!”

Near

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

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

Deacons assisting with communion: Judy Ramsdell (Deacon-in-charge), Peg Leary, Cheryl Purnell, Greg Mias, Haley Hasty, Megan Hasty, Karl Prewo

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Flower and Ushering Committees

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.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Becky and Ron Burr (Becky is back in the hospital); **Carol Mento** having knee surgery; Paula Dascomb; Lillian Morse, daughter of Jim and Heidi Morse; Rachel Meneses; Irene Mias; Joyce Smith; Debbie Chase; Phyllis Chase; Mike Lazeren; 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 DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Today is the last Sunday to place a bid on **Silent Auction** items. Final bids may be placed at the Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 13. You may do this in person, by phone or proxy until 2:15 PM. Winning bidders will be notified on Saturday and Sunday. Items may be paid for and picked up at the tournament after 2:30 PM or in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour on Sundays, June 14 and 21.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Commissioned Ministry in the UCC Meeting: 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: There will be a brief service today at 12 PM in the Memorial Garden to dedicate the marker for Karen Heebner. Her family welcomes anyone who would like to join them.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Ways & Means: Monday, June 8, 7 PM, Chapel

MSSG: Monday, June 8, 7 PM, Library

July/August CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, June 9

Men's Group: Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, June 9, 1 PM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, June 9, 7 PM, Library

Missions: Wednesday, June 10, 7 PM, Library

Women's Fellowship Steering Committee: Wednesday, June 10, 7 PM, Chapel

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 11, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 12, 10:30 AM, Library

Golf Tournament: Saturday, June 13, Willow Brook Golf Course

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

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.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 14, 2015

following the worship Service in Fellowship Hall

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**.

FCCV Golf Event June 13 at Willow Brook Golf Course



- Sponsor a Tee
- Be a Player
- Bid on Auction Items
- 50/50 Putting Contest

Last Call!
Sign up during Coffee Hour today!

Help Make 2015 a Success!