

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

Children's Sunday

June 12, 2016

WELCOME!

We're 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.

PRELUDE "A Dozen Tunes from the Silver Screen"*

"God Is Love" Darcy Hill

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Debi Hockenberry

WELCOMING the LIGHT of CHRIST

ACOLYTES Paul Westerberg

Nick Giordano

Cole Jackson

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: God is love.

People: God is love.

Leader: God doesn't HAVE love or GIVE love.

People: No.

Leader: God IS love.

People: God is the epitome of love.

Leader: The creator of love.

People: The substance, the meaning, and definition of love.

All: The very essence of who God is...Love.

(from Spoken Word Poetry: God Is Love by Lee Maulau and Natasha Taula)

***OPENING HYMN #623 "Woke Up This Morning"**

PRAYER of INVOCATION Seth Jensen

God of Love, please help us to know the you who is love. Help us to see you in others. Help us to see you in ourselves. Help us to love one another and share you, through love, to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.

LITTLE BELLS "Jesus Loves Me"

The SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Cora James and Evelyn Daniel Ohlendorf

Welcome

Questions of the Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Blessing the Water

Act of Baptism; Presentation of the Newly Baptized

Prayer for the Baptized

Leader: ... hear the baptismal prayers of the congregation:

People: Be with Cora and Evie through the years, blessing their lives, that they may grow in love for you. Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

We rejoice in the baptism of Cora and Evie, daughters of Jen and Erich Ohlendorf. Welcome to their sponsors, Jessica Sullivan and Josh Meeker.

***HYMN #61 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

MUSIC "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
Children's Choir

TIME with the PARENTS Lilly Westerberg

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.

BIBLE READINGS 1 John 4:8 Julianne Bradford

1 John 4:17 Joseph Bradford

SERMON "God Is Love" Debi Hockenberry

ANTHEM "Magic Penny" Pre-Schoolers

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER Nick Giordano

PRAYER RESPONSE

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Delythe Kracke

SERVICE of RECOGNITION **Celebration of Our Graduates**
Attendance Awards
Thank You to Our Teachers

CALL to OFFERING Paul Westerberg

OFFERTORY "Where Is the Love" Black-Eyed Peas
High School and Alumni Choir

***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** Paul Westerberg

***CLOSING HYMN** "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy" *(insert)*

***BENEDICTION** Deb Hampton

POSTLUDE "How Great Thou Art"
Sarah Turner - viola

***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 by the In-Care Committee in honor of Sanctuary Choir Director Leanne Connolly who will be installed this afternoon as a Commissioned Minister of Music in the United Church of Christ.

Children's Choir: Julianne and Joseph Bradford, Cam Doyle, Chris and Cole Jackson, Paul and Lillian Westerberg

High School and Alumni Choir: Sophie Becker, Patrick Connolly, Ryan Fujimoto, Megan and Haley Hasty, Emily Hampton, Glory and Christa Hockenberry, Hannah Ramsdell

Attendance Awards

1 year Hayden Cima, Addison Uldrikis
2 year Cam Doyle, Chris and Cole Jackson
3 year Joseph and Julianne Bradford
5 year Lillian and Paul Westerberg

Class of 2016 Graduates – we wish them all of God's Blessings in their very bright futures. Your church family loves you.
GloryAnna Hockenberry, attending ECSU, majoring in Biology with a goal of Dr. of Dermatology

Sarah Kline, attending Lasell College, double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology

Bianna Markunas, attending UCONN, majoring in Chemical Engineering

Warmest of thanks to our Sunday School Staff!

Nursery: April Calvelli

Pre-School: Millie Oliphant with Megan Hasty

1st/2nd/3rd: Karen Bradford and Christa Hockenberry with Emily Hampton and GloryAnna Hockenberry

4th/5th/6th: Jen Condry and Peg Leary with Hannah Ramsdell and Sophie Becker

7th/8th/9th: Valerie Ellis and Greg Mias

Music Man: Steve Westerberg

Children's Choir Director: Althea Madigan

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Nancy Bailey, Margaret Klukas' sister, dealing with lung cancer; Angel Carr and baby; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister, Candy Buswell's father, in rehab; Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother, at home recovering from surgery; Jean Chaplin; Maurice O'Brien, friend of Gilmay Markunas; Carol Whitney; Frederick; Ryan Meneses; Joyce Smith; John Arthur, Susan DeProspero's father; Becca; Michele, daughter of Althea Madigan's cousin; Brian, 11 years old, fighting cancer; Meg, Bill and Holly Boutwell's sister/sister-in-law; the homeless; the hungry; Linda Rentler; gun reform; acceptance of religious diversity/skin color/sexual orientation; Terri Karr; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria, Belgium & Pakistan; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

New additions in bold print

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Leanne Connolly's Commissioning as Minister of Music: 3 PM in the Sanctuary with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall
Father's Day, June 19, honor or remember the special men in your life.
Just \$5 purchases a tool through Church World Services. These tools help people sustain themselves and their families. **Today is the last day you can place an order.**

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mind and Spirit Support Group: Monday, June 13, 7 PM, Library

Ways and Means: Monday, June 13, 7 PM, Chapel

July/August CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, June 14

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, June 14, 1 PM, Library

Deacons: Tuesday, June 14, 7 PM, Library

Craft Workshop: Wednesday, June 15, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Library Committee: Wednesday, June 15, 1 PM, Library

Finance: Wednesday, June 15, 7:15 PM, Library

Basket Group: Thursday, June 16, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Craft Group: Thursday, June 16, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, June 16, 6 PM at the Parsonage

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 16, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 17, 10:30 AM, Library

Bible Study: Friday, June 17, 11 AM, Chapel

Line Dancing: Friday, June 17, 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Important Announcement: The picnic for the Board of Christian Education, Sunday School Teachers and Shepherds scheduled for June 25 has been postponed. You will be notified of the new date.

Please Note Change of Date: The Annual Organizational Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Vernon will be held June 26 in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

Instrumentalists Wanted to accompany the choir and/or to play a solo. Summer singers and players for special music are also needed. Anyone interested should contact Choir Director Leanne Connolly at 860-462-4694 or lconnolly1825@gmail.com.

Please Note: In an effort to keep the Sabbath holy, we would like to refrain from talking with church leaders about church business before or after worship. If you need to speak with someone, please contact them later in the day or in the coming week.

To request a visit with the pastor, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.

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Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away

Love is something is you give it away, you end up having more.

Chorus

It's just like a magic penny
Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it

Spend it

You'll have so many

They'll roll all over the floor.

Substitute **Hug** for second verse

Substitute **Smile** for third verse

Substitute **Love** for last verse

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart, down in my heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding...

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus...

***A Dozen Tunes from the Silver Screen**

Lara's Theme

Over the Rainbow

Edelweiss

The Sound of Music

Theme from Ice Castles

The Pink Panther

Baby Elephant Walk

Yellow Submarine

Aquarius

How the West Was Won

Star Wars

Star Trek II (The Wrath of Khan)

The Magic Penny