

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 14, 2015

Children's Sunday

PRELUDE "Waltzing Doll, Clowns, Children's Polka"
"You're a Grand Ol' Flag"
"Poet and Peasant Overture" von Suppé

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Debi Hockenberry

ACOLYTES Avery Prewo
Paul Westerberg

***CALL to WORSHIP** Lucas Beloff

Leader: We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the World!
People: Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!
Leader: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.
People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.
Leader: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.
People: Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

***OPENING HYMN #190** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

PRAYER of INVOCATION Sarah Turner
Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts and help our love shine openly in a world hungry to see your light and know your love. 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.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

CELEBRATING our GRADUATES

TIME with the CHILDREN

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.

THANK YOU to OUR TEACHERS

LITTLE BELLS "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM – Chloe Kathleen Hammond

Congregational Response (*unison*)

We promise our love, support, and care to this child and her family as she grows in faith and faithfulness. With God's help, we promise to guide and encourage her, by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

***BAPTISM HYMN #75** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

BIBLE READINGS Matthew 5:16 Michael Turner
Ephesians 5:8 Avery Prewo

SKIT "The God-Light Zone" Confirmation Class

ANTHEM "This Little Light of Mine"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Nicholas Giordano

MORNING PRAYER Lillian Westerberg

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING Paul Westerberg

***OFFERTORY HYMN** "May There Always Be Sunshine" (*insert*)
Pre-Schoolers

***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** Joseph Bradford

***CLOSING HYMN** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (*insert*)

***BENEDICTION** Deb Hampton

POSTLUDE "The Aba-Daba Honeymoon"

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

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

We rejoice in the baptism of Chloe Kathleen Hammond, daughter of Frank and Jennifer Hammond. Welcome to Chloe's sponsors, Christopher and Jamie BeGrandi.

Greeters/Ushers: Lillian Westerberg, Sarah Turner, Brady Wrona, Brandon Wrona, Lucas Beloff, Michael Turner

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; Carol Mento; 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

Children Receiving Attendance Awards

- 1st Year** Lucas Beloff, Rebecca Beloff, Julianne Bradford, Joseph Bradford, Madeline Condry, Cameron Doyle, Christopher Jackson, Cole Jackson, Ashley Markunas, Brady Wrona, Brandon Wrona
- 2nd Year** Nicholas Giordano
- 3rd Year** Emily Hampton
- 4th Year** Lillian Westerberg, Paul Westerberg

Class of 2015 High School Graduates - We wish them all God's Blessings in their very bright futures. Please come back and visit!

Nicholas Bartos, attending UCONN
Michael Calvelli, attending New York Institute of Technology
Haley Hasty, attending UCONN

Warmest of Thanks to our Sunday School Staff!

Music Man: Steve Westerberg
7th/8th/9th Grade/Confirmation Class: Greg Mias, Valerie Ellis
4th/5th/6th Grade: Kate and Martha Fowler with Hannah Ramsdell
1st/2nd/3rd Grade: Erica and Michael Leary, Jen Condry with Sophie Becker, GloryAnna Hockenberry, Michael Calvelli
3/4/5 Year Olds: Millie Oliphant with Haley and Megan Hasty
Nursery: Christa and Glory Hockenberry, Hannah Hilton, Ryan Fujimoto, April Calvelli

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Stop by the **Auction Table** to see if you placed a winning bid. If so, you may pay for and take home your items.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Annual Organizational Meeting following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Men's Group: Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

BCE: Tuesday, June 16, 7 PM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, June 17, 1 PM, Library

Finance: Wednesday, June 17, 7:15 PM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, June 18, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, June 19, 10:30 AM, Library

Choir Rehearsal: Saturday, June 20, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Turkey Dinner: Friday, June 26 from 6-7:30 PM sponsored by Ways & Means. Menu: Turkey, stuffing, potatoes/gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry, sauce, dessert. Cost: \$10.

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.

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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Shine, Jesus Shine

by Graham Kendrick

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus

3. As we gaze on your kindly brightness.
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me!

Chorus

May There Always Be Sunshine

May there always be sunshine.
May there always be blue skies.
May there always be friendship.
May there always be love.

May there always be peace.
May there always be sharing.
May there always be hope.
May there always be love.