

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 17, 2012

Music Appreciation Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC “This Is My Father’s World” trad.
“Sonata 1, Mov. 1” Guilmant

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 MINUTES in HISTORY – “Music Through the Years” Lynn Sweet

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION “Church Musicians’ Prayer”

God of Glory, around whose eternal throne

all the heavenly powers offer their ceaseless 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,

and see with mortal eyes the land that is afar off,

where all your promises are celebrated,

and where all your love in every sight and sound

is the theme of eternal rejoicing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Erik Routley, 20th century English pastor and hymnologist

PRELUDE “Etude” (A Glee) R. Friml

OPENING WORDS Rev. David Minnick

***OPENING HYMN #7** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

(choir only on vs. 4)

INTROIT “God Bless the Children” Transformers

(Children ages 3-3rd grade may leave for Summer Sunday School)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON “Hear, O Israel” Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

Daniel ben Juda, ca 1400

Hear, O Israel. You shall love the Lord
with all your heart and soul and strength.

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;

Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love.

Jehovah, great I AM!

By earth and heav’n confessed;

I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God who reigns on high archangels sing, and “Holy, holy, holy!”

cry, “Almighty King!” Who was and is and evermore shall be:

Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship Thee! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON “Let This Mind Be In You” Phil. 2: 5-11, alt.

Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ:

Who, being in the form of God,

thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

But made Himself of no reputation,

and took upon Him the form of a servant,

and was made in human likeness:

And being found in human fashion, He humbled Himself,
became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God has raised Him up,

and given Him a name above all names:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
whether in heaven or earth, or under the earth:

That every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Cynthia Carr

Bill Harford, Ann’s husband, receiving a pacemaker; the birth of Nicholas

Price Riley, son of Larissa and Travis Riley and grandson of June and Jim

Gillon, born on June 11

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

PRAYER RESPONSE “Be Thou Near to Me” Contemporary Choir

***HYMN #33** “How Great Thou Art”

The WORD

“Then Sings My Soul”

“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia”

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“He Lives in You”

Carillon Singers

***DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)**

PRAYER of DEDICATION

***CLOSING ANTHEM** “Love in Any Language” Jon Mohr

Je t’aime. Te amo. Ya tribya lyu blyu. Ani ohevet othka. I love you.

The sounds are all as different as the lands from which they came.

And though our words are all unique, our hearts are all the same.

Love in any language, straight from the heart,

pulls us all together, never apart.

And once we learn to speak it, all the world will hear

Love in any language fluently spoken here.

We teach the young our differences, yet look how we’re the same.

We love to laugh, to dream our dreams. We know the sting of pain.

From Leningrad to Lexington, the farmer loves his land.

And daddies all get misty eyed to give their daughter’s hand.

Oh maybe when we realize how much there is to share,

we’ll find too much in common to pretend it isn’t there.

Love in any language...

Though the rhetoric of governments may keep us worlds apart,

there is no misinterpreting the language of the heart.

Love in any language...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

A. Renaud

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

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Furnishings & Memorials and Library Committees

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, 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.

Guests are encouraged to use the Pew 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 with the offering.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Search Committee: Monday, June 18, 7 PM, Library

Deacons: Monday, June 18, 7 PM, Chapel

Men's Club: Tuesday, June 19 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Board of Finance: Tuesday, June 19, 7 PM, Library

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, June 19, 7 PM, Chapel

Library Committee: Wednesday, June 20, 1 PM, Library

Human Resources: Wednesday, June 20, 7 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, June 22, 10:30 AM, Library

Please Note: Nancy Young will be on vacation the week of June 25-29. All info for the June 24 and July 1 bulletins needs to be in the Church Office no later than 9 AM on Wednesday, June 20. **Summer Office Hours begin June 25.** Mon-Thurs, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. The office is closed on Fridays.

Summer Sunday School: If interested in teaching (one week or more) please sign up on bulletin board near the Library or contact Victoria Madden.

Please Note: There is a large collection of dishes on the counter in the kitchen. Anything unclaimed after two weeks will be disposed of.

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.

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. Youth and/or adults are needed to staff the Toddler Room. If you can help out for one week or more, sign up on the bulletin board or contact Christa Hockenberry.

Wanted! Knitters and Crocheters: We are looking for people who would be willing to knit or crochet a shawl to help build up our supply. Please join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Library or feel free to make one at home. Questions? Contact Joan Apel, 860-875-7239 or Nancy Parker, 860-872-9069 or quiltblockcreations@yahoo.com.

Please Wear Your Name Tag! Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, fccv@snet.net or (860)875-7580.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... Peggy Ellis recovering from a broken hip; **Nicole Cartier**, Jim and Nancy Wilson's granddaughter, recovering from major pelvis/hip surgery; **Ibby Cummings and family** on the loss of her mother, Betty Bohannon; **Pat Lazeren; Dale Whitney** recovering from hip replacement surgery; **Abby Harlow** recovering from a broken arm; **Ginny Hrabica**, grandmother of Aarika Hrabica-Mallory, dealing with pneumonia; **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, dealing with 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; 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; 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)

In Our Global Prayers... When a couple in its congregation, drowning in medical bills needed help, St. John's UCC in Coopersburg, PA, stepped in to help and ended up assisting more than one family. St. John's Community Outreach Benefit was born and thousands of dollars were raised to help the couple. The Benefit went so well that the church has continued to hold a benefit every summer, choosing one or more families to help. In nine years the benefit has aided 28 families.