

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 21, 2015

Father's Day / Music Sunday / St. John's Sunday

**PRELUDE** "It Is Well with My Soul" Spafford/Ritter  
"In the Garden" Miles  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Wood  
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Trad.  
**BELL CHOIR** "Kum-ba-Yah"  
"God Is So Good"

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 150)** Peg Leary  
Leader: Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer;  
**People: Give praise throughout the mighty universe.**  
Leader: Praise God for the saving deeds of Christ;

**People: Give praise for such exceptional love.**  
Leader: Praise God with the blast of trumpets;  
**People: Give praise with guitar and keyboard.**  
Leader: Praise God with timbrel and dance;  
**People: Give praise with violin and flute.**  
Leader: Praise God with drums and cymbals;  
**People: Give praise with songs of gratitude.**  
Leader: Let everything that draws breath, praise God;  
**People: Praise, yes praise our wonderful God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #53 "Morning Has Broken"**

**PRAYER of INVOCATION (Masonic Prayer)**

Most holy and glorious Lord God, the Great Architect of the Universe: the giver of all good gifts and graces: Thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. In Thy name we assemble, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, and that all our actions may tend to Thy glory and to our advancement in knowledge and virtue; and we beseech Thee, O Lord God, to bless this our present assembling, and to illuminate our minds by the divine precepts of Thy Holy Word, and teach us to walk in the light of Thy countenance; and when the trials of our probationary state are over, be admitted into the temple "not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens." 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.

**PRESENTATION of LES CHILDS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Michelle Giordano

**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.

**ANTHEM** "Then Sings My Soul" M. MacDonald

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Kings 19:3-4, 9  
John 1:6-9, 19-23  
Psalms 33:1-3

**SERMON** "Great Is Their Faithfulness" James Burr

**MEDLEY of HYMNS** arr. James Burr

**DEDICATION of PIANO**

**Responsive Reading (from Psalm 92)**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**People: To sing praises to God Most High,**  
Leader: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning,  
**People: And God's faithfulness at night.**  
Leader: Praise God to the music of the lute and the harp;  
**People: Praise God to the melody of the lyre.**  
Leader: For the Lord has done great things for us,  
**People: And we are filled with joy.**

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Elijah Rock" Spiritual

**\*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 #560 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Faith of Our Fathers" Paxton

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

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

**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 worshipping 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.

**The flowers on each side of the Communion Table are given** with many thanks and much love by the Sanctuary Choir to our Choir Director, Leanne Connolly and our Organist, James Burr, for their ministry to all of us and their loving dedication to the choir. Leanne leads us in fully understanding the music, both musically and theologically, so that we can shine the light of Christ to all who hear us. James is always prepared for every rehearsal and willing to work with any one of us for extra rehearsals. They both keep us light-hearted and laughing!

**Today's Bell Choir Participants:** Dave Bower, Michelle Bower, Leanne Connolly, Althea Madigan, Stacy Melanson, Joanne Myer

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Flower and Ushering Committees

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

**Greg and Sue Mias and family** on the loss of his mother, Irene Mias; prayers of thanksgiving and concern for **Owen Brian Lisowski**, newborn son of Sadie and Nick Lisowski and grandson of Halene Fujimoto; **Lillian Burnett**; Becky and Ron Burr; Carol Mento; Paula Dascomb; Lillian Morse, daughter of Jim and Heidi Morse; Rachel Meneses; Irene Mias; Joyce Smith; Debbie 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'S ACTIVITIES**

**Board of Music:** 11:30 AM, Library

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Mind and Spirit Support Group:** Monday, June 22, 7 PM, Library. **Please Note:** We will continue to meet during the summer on July 13, August 10 and 24.

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**BCE:** Tuesday, June 23, 7 PM, Library

**Trustees:** Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 PM, Library

**Support Group:** Friday, June 26, 10:30 AM, Library

**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.