

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 22, 2014

PRELUDE “Berceuse” Gounod
 “Aria” Handel
 “Sonatina” Kuhlau
 “Love Lifted Me” Pethel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAY IT FORWARD

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Jim Wilson

Leader: The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

People: We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

Leader: God will not turn away from us.

People: God will heal us and restore us.

Leader: Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

People: Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow.

*OPENING HYMN #16 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

PRAAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God, come to us in our fears and frustrations and inadequacies. We know you are quietly calling us into service, not offering the road of easy service and cheap discipleship, but rather sharing with us the needs of the world and proclaiming that you will be with us always. Our faithful service is based in the knowledge of your powerful, healing presence and mercy. Give us courage, Lord, to be your disciples. Give us strength as we joyfully serve you by serving others. Let us be bold in our proclamation of your amazing love. 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.

TIME with the CHILDREN

The LORD’S PRAAYER (*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 “Amazing Grace” J. Newton
 Erich Ohlendorf - soloist

SCRIPTURE Genesis 21:9-21

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

*HYMN #24 “The God of Abraham Praise”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Down to the River to Pray” Trad.

*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 #17 “O Worship the King”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Jubilation” Sandresky

**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 Jane Saich in memory of her husband Dick on his birthday.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Flower and Ushering Committees

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Tim and Amy Madigan; Helen Dyar; Rachel Andrews; Christine Moreau, Maurice Moreau’s mother; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Paul Munns; Kim and David; Marge Salmon; Mary White; Eleanor Sweet; Joyce Smith; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; Bob O’Gara; Bonnie Brenner; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Will and Diane Livermore; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Sonja (Marlene) Mayhew; Lorrie Dobson; Ben Savage; Lillian Burnett; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Pat Lazeren; Gail Occhialini; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Rachel Meneses; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs *New additions in bold print*

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

New Members Class: Tuesday, June 24, 7 PM in the Library. Anyone interested is invited to join us.

Trustees: Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 PM, Library

VBS Family Night: Thursday, June 26, 7 PM

Support Group: Friday, June 27, 10:30 AM, Library

Is There a Civil Engineer in the House? The Board of Trustees is concerned with the increasingly growing pothole/sinkhole issue in our large, Route 30, parking lot (Parsonage side). We are looking for a Civil Engineer in the congregation to assist with evaluating and developing a plan to help us move forward. We need to move quickly for safety reasons. Please contact Holly Boutwell at 860-716-0758 or hollyboutwell@comcast.net.

Summer Sunday School for grades 3 years-3rd grade is in need of teachers for a one-week (or more) commitment. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the Library.

Please Note: 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 (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

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. Check your local listings or go to www.CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Scrip-Your-All!

The Scrip-Your-All program continues to do well. Your participation has helped FCCV earn rebates of approximately **\$3,350!** We have new cards this week, so stop by the Scrip-Your-All table and see what is available for immediate purchase. Also, as a new offering, eCards, is available during Coffee Hour. There are approximately 120 eCards to choose from! You may also place plastic gift card orders, where there are hundreds to choose from. Gift card orders placed today will be available for pickup July 6.

Here is a sampling of the eCards available:

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| Amazon (3%) | Longhorn/Red Lobster/Olive Garden (9%) |
| Barnes & Noble (9%) | Macy's (10%) |
| Best Buy (3%) | Old Navy (14%) |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%) | Pizza Hut (8%) |
| Home Goods/Marshalls/TJ Maxx (7%) | Sears (4%) |
| JC Penney (5%) | Sephora (4%) |
| Kmart (4%) | Staples (5%) |
| Kohl's (use to pay Kohl's charge) (4%) | Target (2.5%) |
| Lands' End (16%) | Walmart/Sam's Club (2.5%) |
| LL Bean (18%) | Zappos.com (8%) |

To learn more about the Scrip-Your-All program, stop at the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour or go online at **ShopWithScrip.com** (enrollment Code: **F2F1CF113843L**). For the Scrip app (iPhone and Android) visit myscripwallet.com.