

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 24, 2012

GATHERING MUSIC “Sonata in C” C. Gurlitt
 “In Adoration” D. Moore

CHIMING of the HOUR
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Cynthia Carr

ACOLYTES
PRELUDE “Gavotte” J. S. Bach

WORDS of REFLECTION
May you live all the days of your life. Jonathan Swift

CALL to WORSHIP Shirley Bryant

Leader: We gather in this place to worship our God:
People: calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

Leader: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:
People: Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

Leader: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:
People: the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

*OPENING HYMN #546 “Amazing Grace”
PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)
You lay the foundations of the universe, building a shelter for our battered souls; you create wonders which are priceless, yet you always remember the needy. We open our hearts to you, God of Graciousness. When evening comes and fears prowl the shadows of our days, you whisper, “Peace! Be still!” to our hammering hearts, so we know that you are always with us. We open our hearts to you, summoning Christ. Doubts and despair may swamp our lives, but you calm us with a word; illness and death struggle to control our futures, but you comfort us with peace. We open our hearts to you, Spirit of hope and grace. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 84 p. 745
*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)
A TIME with the CHILDREN
The LORD’S PRAYER (*unison...“debts”*)
(Children ages 3-3rd grade may leave for Summer Sunday School)

SPECIAL MUSIC “He Touched Me” Gaither
 Serena Volovski and Joanne Myer

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS – Claudette and Art Weingart; Debbie Marshall recovering from a broken wrist

MORNING PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE “His Strength Is Perfect”
SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4: 35-41
*SERMON HYMN #181 “The Storm Is Strong”
SERMON The Rev. David Minnick

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

Say we in our hearts that it is God who made heaven and earth, who guarded us while we slept and who awakened us to this new day. And let us rejoice that in God, the weak are made strong and the foolish are made wise, that by God’s mercy the broken are mended and the lost ones returned home. Let us always be giving praise, because somewhere and somehow in the world’s mysterious tangle, God names us and claims us forever. With thankful hearts, we offer now these gifts that the good news of your love might be proclaimed and glories in, now and forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #85 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

BENEDICTION

“Only Trust Him”

POSTLUDE

“Triumphal Chorus”

S. Landon

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

Today’s prayers are written by and used with the permission of the Rev. Thom Shuman.

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

Men’s Club: Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Board of Music: Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 PM, Library

Search Committee: Tuesday, June 26, 7 PM, Chapel

Trustees: Wednesday, June 27, 7 PM, Library

VBS Family Night: Thursday, June 28, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Support Group: Friday, June 29, 10:30 AM, Library

Please Note: The Christian Education wing, which houses the Hockanum Valley Day Care Center during the week, will be shut down for extended maintenance and repair for two weeks in July. At this time, the Board of Trustees is organizing work parties to assist in preparing the area for the shut-down and then later for the re-opening. Work parties are being organized for July 6 and 7 and also after July 21. All are welcome to help. Please contact Dave Symonds or any member of the Board of Trustees if you can assist during this time.

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 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. There will be no Sunday School on July 8.

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

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 months - 5 years old** is located downstairs with the classrooms. Donations are gratefully accepted in the free-will offering box.

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. . .Bill Harford, Ann's husband, receiving a pacemaker; Peggy Ellis recovering from a broken hip; Nicole Cartier, Jim and Nancy Wilson's granddaughter, recovering from major pelvis/hip surgery; Pat Lazeren; Dale Whitney recovering from hip replacement surgery; Abby Harlow recovering from a broken arm; 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; 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; 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)