

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

June 29, 2014

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

*CALL to WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Jan Muro

Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder

People: and music that calls us home.

Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

People: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.

Leader: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

People: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

*OPENING HYMN #610 "Living for Jesus"

PRAYER of INVOCATION *(unison)*

Gracious God, we are gathered together in your presence. You receive us with open arms, you love us unconditionally, and you bid us do the same to one another. Remind us that the generosity the world needs often demands sacrifice on our part. Pour your grace into our lives as we offer ourselves to you as faithful disciples, and offer ourselves to others to be your love in the world. In the name of Christ 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.

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 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (#643, congregation sing-a-long)
Paul Shimer, soloist

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

*HYMN #609 "Take My Life" (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

Congregational Response

We welcome you with joy into the life of this church. We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

COVENANT of MEMBERSHIP

Leader: As members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, we share in this covenant:

People: We believe in God, we hold a deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ, and we are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit as revealed to us in Scripture and through prayerful discernment.

Leader: We are a faith community, part of the body of Christ,

People: Proclaiming the good news of Christ's resurrection and the freedom of new life for all who follow his ways, sharing God's love with others by reaching out to those in need, and continuing to deepen our knowledge and understanding of God's call in our lives.

Leader: With the help of God and the support of this body of Christ,

People: We covenant to do our best to follow Christ's example and embrace the great commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself," and his new commandment, "Love one another."

Leader: As we journey together,

People: We promise to support and pray for one another, ever mindful that we are to lift up one another with dignity and Christian love.

Leader: We will support this Body of Christ to the best of our ability,

People: By participating in worship and sacraments, through our work and financial support, and in mission and fellowship, in order to strengthen its ministries and deepen our commitment as a faith community that is welcoming and accessible to all.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Panis Angelicus" C. Franck

*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 #600 "Jesu, Jesu" (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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

Welcome to our New Members. Please take a moment to welcome them downstairs in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

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.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Flower and Ushering Committees

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Isiah Fleeting; 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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Council: Wednesday, July 2, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Independence Day: Friday, July 4. The Church Office is closed.

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 needs 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.**