

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 1, 2012

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC “The Cascades” Joplin
“A Blessing for this Land” L. Smith
“God of Our Fathers” arr. J. Mansfield

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prelude on ‘Eternal Father, Strong to Save’”
Rev. Cynthia Carr
A. Fedak

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

The world will never starve for want of wonders, but for want of wonder.
- G.K. Chesterton

CALL to WORSHIP

Debbie Marshall

Leader: Come, all who are troubled or weary, who know the pain of the world’s people.

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: As we gather, we affirm God’s presence and seek to know as we are known.

People: The God of hosts is with us; the God of ancestors hears and leads us.

Leader: Be still and know that God is God, exalted among all throughout the earth.

People: The glory of God is here and everywhere, in time and beyond time.

*OPENING HYMN #76 “The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”

PRAYER of CONFESSION (*unison*)

Help us O God, to see ourselves as You see us. We confess before you our prejudices, our harsh judgment of others, and the excuses we make for our own sin. We prefer our way to yours, time and again. We harden our hearts against those who most need our help and our presence. O God, enlarge our capacity for truth and compassion. Save us from our worst selves to realize the glory of the life you intend for us. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: God does not condemn us, but meets us in Jesus Christ with the word - Go and sin no more. God does not wish to destroy us, but to lead us to fullness of life. Glory in all that God has done for us and be glad. Find hope in God’s boundless love for us and all creation. Forgive one another as God has forgiven you.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (#35 in hymnal)

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION (*unison*)

For the increase your earth has yielded, for the food your hand has provided, for the light of your presence that reveals meaning for our days, we give hearty thanks and praise. May our gifts honor all who have helped to make them possible, and assist many who need your good news in their lives. Grant us your Spirit as we give ourselves in your service.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Rev. David Minnick

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: In joy and thanksgiving, come and be the guests of our risen Lord at this holy table.

People: We come again in joy, eager to know Christ anew and to grow deeper in faith.

Pastor: This is the table of reconciliation and hope. Here, that which is broken is made whole; that which is aimless finds new direction.

People: Bless our time together here. May this be a time of open eyes, full hearts and renewed spirit.

*COMMUNION HYMN #404 “A Hymn of Joy We Sing”

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

BREAKING of the BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon serving communion. Please wait until all are served before eating the bread and drinking the cup.)

SHARING of the CUP

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN #720 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “The Liberty Bell” Sousa

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

Greeters: Deacons

Coffee Hour: Board of Christian Education

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, July 2, 7 PM, Library

Men's Club: Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4. Church Office is closed.

Support Group: Friday, July 6, 10:30 AM, Library

Please Note: The Kellogg wing, which houses the Hockanum Valley Day Care during the week, will be shut down for extended maintenance and repair for 2 weeks in July. The Trustees are organizing work parties for July 6 and 7 and after July 21 to prepare the area for the shut-down and then later for the re-opening. All are welcome to help. Please contact Dave Symonds or any member of the Trustees if you can assist during this time.

Reminder: Agenda items for the council meeting on July 11 should be submitted to Moderator Tony Muro no later than Sunday, July 8.

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.

In Our Ongoing Prayers... **Debbie Marshall** recovering from a broken wrist; **Claudette and Art Weingart; Bill Harford**, Ann's husband; **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; **Judy Quinn**, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, dealing with 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; **Donna Peacock; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; 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**