

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC**

July 5, 2015

***Holy Communion***

<b>PRELUDE</b>	"Peacherine"	Joplin
	"God and the Nation"	Scriveyner
	"God of Our Fathers"	Mansfield

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Pat Aldrich

Leader: The beginning of loving wisdom is to give reverence to God.

**People: We do this by learning from Jesus' wisdom as he leads us in the ways of God's unconditional love.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts and minds to *feel* and *understand* God's unconditional and encompassing love.

**People: We have come to be nurtured through that love!**

Leader: As we learn and grow into God's ways, we are drawn ever nearer to the cross and to Jesus' side.

**All: We are filled with joy that we will be consecrated into God's loving service to others and will be able to celebrate our own lives through the glory of Communion together this morning!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #601 "I Am Thine, O Lord"**

**PRAYER of INVOCATION**

God of grace and glory, we humbly ask that you make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus, our Christ, let us praise and honor your name always and in all that we do. Spirit of Holiness, breathe on us all and bind us to Christian love and servant-hood. Our God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Please transform our lives and our community into the image of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

**SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**CALL to PRAYER**

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP**

*(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.)*

**PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

**Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SERMON** "Shake it off; shake it up!" Rev. Joanne Myer

**\*HYMN #599 "Day by Day"**

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Towel and a Bowl" S. Amerson  
Althea Madigan, oboe  
Steve Westerberg, guitar  
James Burr, piano

**\*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 #445 "Go in Peace"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "The Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa

*\*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 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:** Board of Deacons

**Coffee Hour:** Flower Committee

### **In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

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; 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*

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**VBS:** Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 9:30-Noon

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Church Council:** Wednesday, July 8, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**VBS Family Night:** Thursday, July 9, 7 PM, Sanctuary

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

**2014-2015 Sunday School Teachers Bag Lunch Meeting:** Sunday, July 12 after church to talk about last year's curriculum, Sunday School in general, what worked, what didn't, suggestions, concerns. Bring a bag lunch and meet us in the PF Room at 11:30 AM. Please come! Thank you!

**Stewardship and Evangelism Committee Part Time Help Wanted:** Looking for a way to participate in a committee that doesn't require a long-term commitment or attending monthly meetings? Well, Stewardship and Evangelism may be the place for you! Our committee needs someone interested in writing for a new, monthly "guess who" segment for the Carillon. Anyone interested, high school age and beyond, please contact Kate Fowler (kfowler64@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **July Greeter/Coffee Hour Schedule**

**July 12 Stewardship and Evangelism Committee**

**July 19 Board of Finance/Safe Church Committee**

**July 26 Board of Christian Education/Teaching Parish Committee**

Deacons are always responsible for the greeters the first Sunday in each month (Communion). All other weeks, Boards/Committees responsible for the designated month must provide two greeters as well as host Coffee Hour. Please Note: If your Board/Committee cannot participate on its scheduled Sunday, please contact Tom Sweet, 860-875-3172.