

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 6, 2014

Holy Communion

PRELUDE

“Old Virginia Rag, ’S Wonderful,
By the Light of the Silvery Moon,
Sweet Georgia Brown”
“Let Freedom Ring!”
“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mansfield
Wilson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

Pam Lyons

Leader: God's love is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.

People: God's grace is wider and more beautiful than spacious skies.

Leader: Amber waves of grain become bread, which is blessed, and broken, and shared.

People: Fruited plains yield the sweet nectar that fills the cup of life.

Leader: In every nation, in every open heart, God is working for good.

People: Let our songs rise and let God be praised from sea to shining sea.

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

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy God, in these sacred moments, draw near, call us by name, lift our weary spirits, deepen our faith, and give us new eyes to see your gentle hand at work around us. For you are the giver of peace, the source of joy, and the author of love. In the name of Christ 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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN** #352 “Spirit Song”

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“One Piece of Bread”

Althea Madigan - soloist

Schuyler/Bickhardt/
Graham

***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** #560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Semper Fidelis”

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 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.

The flowers in front of the Communion Table are given by Steve and Peg Leary in honor of Peg's mother, Helen Ellsworth's 93rd birthday.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by Leanne, Erin and Patrick Connolly in loving memory of Joe on his July 4th birthday.

Greeters: Board of Deacons

Coffee Hour: Board of Music

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Maurice and Susan Moreau and family on the loss of his mother, Christine; **Philip Bogard**, Cathy Foote's brother, undergoing tests; **Kurt and Gaile Dembeck and family** on the loss of his mother, Jean; **Sarah Bird; Wendy Parker**, friend of Linda Dayton; Isiah Fleeting; Tim and Althea Madigan; Helen Dyar; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Paul Munns; 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

Prayer Shawl: Wednesday, July 9, 1 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, July 11, 10:30 AM, Library

Join us for a cool summer "**Crafternoon.**" Bring your own project to work on or help create crafts for the next holiday fair. Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each summer month, **July 8** and **August 12** at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Daryl at edengott@sbcglobal.net.

One or two volunteers needed to help with transportation for the Youth Mission to various sites in Hartford July 14-18. Contact Linda Shivers if you can help out.

Please Note: The revised version of our **Bylaws** is now posted on FCCV's website. Anyone wanting a paper copy can pick one up in the Church Office.

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.**

The **Scrip-Your-All** momentum continues. Your participation has helped FCCV earn rebates of approximately **\$3,500**. Stop down during Coffee Hour to check out our new plastic card offerings, including gas, food, tunes and the 120+ eCards that we can print (from Amazon to Zappos!) for immediate use. If you use a Smart Phone, go to MyScripWallet.com to get the Scrip app that allows you to carry your eCards in your phone (no printing necessary and you'll always have them with you!)

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

Greeting and Coffee Hour Summer Schedule

The first Sunday of each month, the Deacons provide Greeters, otherwise it is the Board/Committee's responsibility to greet as well as host Coffee Hour. The schedule for July is as follows:

- July 13 Women's Fellowship
- July 20 Memorial Garden Committee
- July 27 Board of Missions/Board of Finance

Thank you to the Board of Music for hosting today!

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 Susan Pilkons (875-4122).

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 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.