

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

July 10, 2016

**WELCOME!**

*We're 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.*

**PRELUDE** "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" M. Smith  
"Awesome God" R. Mullins  
"How Great Is Our God" Tomlin/Reeves/Cash  
"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Hayes/Moore

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Tony Muro

**Leader:** Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

**People:** for God keeps faith forever!

**Leader:** God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

**People:** God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

**Leader:** God lifts up those who are bowed down. God watches over the strangers

**People:** and upholds the orphan and the widow.

**Leader:** People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

**All:** for God keeps faith forever!

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (*insert*)

**\*PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

**Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "Anthem Blessings" Laura Story  
*Haley Hasty, Megan Hasty, Hannah Ramsdell*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 146

**SERMON** Rev. Robin Bird

**\*HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (*insert*)

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS/MORNING 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.***

**PRAYER RESPONSE/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.***

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Anyway" Martina McBride

**\*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** "Let the Whole Creation Cry" (*insert*)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Soldiers of Christ Arise" arr. L. Smith

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

**In Our Ongoing Prayers**

Margaret Klukas on the loss of her sister, Nancy Bailey; Michael Doyle, a West Haven police officer and his wife Kathy (friend of Kate Cima). Michael was seriously injured in a motorcycle training exercise; Pat Lazeren; Jeff Wadsworth (colleague of Steve Westerberg) and family; Tom Rabideau and family, friend of Steve Westerberg; Dean Hockenberry, Dave Hockenberry's uncle; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister, Candy Buswell's father; Ryan Meneses; Joyce Smith; John Arthur, Susan DeProspero's father; Brian, 11 years old, fighting cancer; Meg, Bill and Holly Boutwell's sister/sister-in-law; the homeless; the hungry; gun reform; acceptance of religious diversity/skin color/sexual orientation; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria, Belgium & Pakistan; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

*New additions in bold print*

**Please Note:** Sunday School starts at 9 AM. Any children still in church who would like to attend may join them in the educational wing.

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

**TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**  
**Scrip-Your-All** sales continue. Every card sold helps to support FCCV programs! We have new gift cards for sale, so come check them out. In addition, many more can be ordered. Other options are instant “Scrip” that can be printed at home from your computer and the Scrip Wallet smart phone app. For more information, please stop by our table or contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

**Pick up an FCCV Water Bottle** for only \$10 each – perfect to complement summertime fun! Proceeds go toward activities and items for our evangelism efforts, such as the white high-top tables used during Coffee Hour.

If you ordered a **Name Tag**, it is available today. Haven’t ordered yours yet? Choose magnet, pin, or clip. You can also include a hang tag should you belong to a board/committee. A \$3 to \$5 donation is recommended, but not required. Order at the Scrip-Your-All table or contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.

### **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES**

**Men’s Group:** Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Deacons:** Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM, Library

**Council:** Wednesday, July 13, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Support Group:** Friday, July 15, 10:30 AM, Library

**Pairs and Spares –Game Night:** Saturday, July 23 from 5:30-8 PM in Fellowship Hall. FREE! Bring your friends, favorite game, drink and dinner or for a \$5 donation to Pay It forward, you may purchase hot dogs and burgers, chips and dessert.

**Donations Needed:** In order to meet safety standards and the local health department, the stove in the church kitchen needs to be replaced. Much research has been done and we are ready to make a purchase. If anyone would like to make a donation toward the cost, it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Phyllis Chase if you have any questions.

**To request a visit with the pastor,** please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.

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