

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 13, 2014

PRELUDE "Valse" Chopin
"Oliphant" Ashford
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Gordon/Wilson
"Perpetual Motion" Weber

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Carol Mento

Leader: Make room for God's unfolding grace.

People: Make time for holy things:

Leader: A moment of kindness,

People: An hour of blessing,

Leader: A day of rest,

People: A season of healing.

Leader: Take time to linger awhile in God's love,

People: That God's love may linger awhile in each of us.

***OPENING HYMN** #572 "Take Time to Be Holy"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Loving God, open our eyes to see you in the faces of our neighbors; open our ears to hear your voice in scripture, prayer and song; open our hearts to love as you love and our hands to do your will. For we seek to love you with our whole hearts, our whole minds, our whole souls and all of our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. As Jesus taught and lived, 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 "I Can Only Imagine" B. Millard
Dave Bower - soloist

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:26-34

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN** #638 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Here I Am Lord" L. Larson
Dave and Michelle Bower - duet

***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** #478 "You Are the Seed"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Tocatta Eroica" Broughton

**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 and Coffee Hour: Women's Fellowship

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Louise Sansing on the loss of her husband, Charles (friends of Jan and Tony Muro); **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

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Bell Workshop: Noon to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall with James Burr. Anyone interested in learning more about playing handbells is invited to join us.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

BCE: Tuesday, July 15, 7 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, July 18, 10:30 AM, Library

Desperately Needed! Women's Fellowship needs baskets for the Holiday Fare. Donations may be left in the Women's Fellowship closet.

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**.

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 20 Memorial Garden Committee
- July 27 Board of Missions/Board of Finance

Thank you to Women's Fellowship for greeting and 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.