

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 17, 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** "Here, There and Everywhere"  
"Martha, My Dear" Lennon/McCartney  
"A Medley of Spirituals" Utterback  
"All You Need Is Love" Lennon/McCartney  
"Here Comes the Sun" Harrison

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL to WORSHIP** Halene Fujimoto

Leader: Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome?

**People: We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence.**

Leader: When God shows up, surprising things can happen.

**People: We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions.**

Leader: Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God!

**People: So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise—**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (*insert*)

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

**Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we are least expecting it. Help us, now, to rest in your presence. May we remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true, for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Dorsey  
*Tom Sweet - soloist*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 10:38-42, Philippians 2:1-8

**SERMON** "When You Need a Friend" Rev. Stan Possell

**\*HYMN** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (*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** "My Lord, What a Mornin'" arr. Burleigh

**\*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** "Living for Jesus" (*insert*)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Saints March" Utterback

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

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

**In Our Ongoing Prayers**

**Bill Bennison**, friend of Ann Harford, having heart surgery this week; Michael Doyle and his wife Kathy (friend of Kate Cima); 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.

### **TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

**Scrip-Your-All** sales continue. To date, \$2,415 has been earned to help support FCCV programs. New gift cards are available for sale, so come check them out. For more information, please stop by our table or contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

**Purchase 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. For those attending the Youth event in Orlando, a water bottle is a great way to show FCCV spirit!

If you ordered a **Name Tag**, it is available today. Haven't ordered yours yet? Choose a 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 19, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, July 21, 6 PM at the Parsonage

**Support Group:** Friday, July 22, 10:30 AM, Library

**Pairs and Spares – Game Night:** Saturday, July 23 from 5:30-8 PM in Fellowship Hall. Are you ready for some yard Yahtzee, ping pong or a game of Phase 10? 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.

**Needed:** A heavy duty tripod and pan head for the Church's new video camera. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please contact Gerry Dyar at 860-391-1558 or tgdyar@sbcglobal.net .

**A big "Thank You" to Sara Koziol and friends** for maintaining the garden in the courtyard (between the administration and Kellogg wings). Take a minute to enjoy this beautiful garden.

**Donations Needed:** The stove in the church kitchen needs to be replaced. 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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