

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 19, 2015

**PRELUDE** “Magnetic Rag” Joplin  
“Pastorale” Guilmant  
“Christ Walks in Beauty” Wilson  
“Lord, Lift Me Up and Let Me Stand” Keeney

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Harmon Howe

Leader: All you looking for comfort,

**People: Find here the arms of a loving God.**

Leader: All you looking for direction,

**People: Find here the hand of God to guide you.**

Leader: All you seeking to end loneliness,

**People: Find here the embrace of God and new friends.**

Leader: All you searching for meaning,

**People: Find here the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.**

Leader: All you seeking happiness,

**People: Find here the deep joy of knowing and connecting with Christ.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #2 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**PRAYER of INVOCATION**

**God of love, take hold of us in this hour of worship, and do not let us go. Bless us with a vision of your love - infinite, mysterious, generous, forgiving, in which all are accepted and no one is rejected, love that never ends. God of love, live in our hearts now and forever. 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** “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Martin/Gabriel  
Mary Ann Lippincott, soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 14:22-33

**SERMON** Rev. Meg Watson

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

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “It Is Well with My Soul” Spafford/Bliss

**\*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 #628 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Recessional on ‘Our God Our Help in Ages Past’” Young

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

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

**In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .**

The **Harvin family** on the loss of Donna Harvin; **Candy**, Lynette Melanson’s sister, recovering from cancer surgery and starting chemo soon; Barbara Thomas on the death of her husband Bob; Dave Boucher, brother-in-law of Jen and Tim Condry; Greg Moffatt; 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*

**Greeters and Coffee Hour:** Board of Finance/Safe Church Committee

**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.

**The Queen Anne's Lace on the Communion Table** is given by Joanne Myer in loving memory of Jenny Anderson, a long-time church member.

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

Have your **blood pressure checked** by one of our Parish Nurses.

**FCCV Mugs** are back! Only \$10 each and the money goes towards supporting our outreach efforts. Purchase a mug and receive a recipe for a Five-Minute Chocolate Mug Cake (if you've previously purchased a mug, you can pick up the recipe).

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

**Men's Group:** Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**Trustees:** Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 PM, Library

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, July 23, 6 PM at the Bird house

**Support Group:** Friday, July 24, 10:30 AM, Library

**Scrip-Your-All Update:** To date we have earned just over \$2,300 for 2015. Doing any renovation or construction projects this summer? You can order Home Depot or Lowe's gift cards in denominations of \$25 to \$1,000 while earning 4% for FCCV. Gift cards for Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, Home Goods and other shops are also available with earnings ranging from 4%-7%. You receive full value of the gift cards while FCCV also receives earnings - a win/win situation. Some gift cards may be purchased during Coffee Hour, but you can also order, or get almost instantly, online with Scrip Now! (e-cards!). Thank you to those participating. We hope others will do so! For more information, stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour or visit [firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all](http://firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all).

**Part Time Help Wanted!** Looking for a way to participate in a church committee that doesn't require a long-term commitment or attending monthly meetings? Stewardship and Evangelism may be the place for you! We are looking for the following: someone interested in writing for a new, monthly "guess who" segment for the Carillon and someone to post "Pay It Forward" information on a church bulletin board and write a monthly blurb for the Carillon. Anyone interested, high school age or older, should contact Kate Fowler ([kfowler64@yahoo.com](mailto:kfowler64@yahoo.com)).

**Pardon Our Appearance:** The Deacons chairs in the Sanctuary are in the process of being repaired and reupholstered. We hope to have them restored by Rally Sunday.

Please take a minute to view the **Memory Books** so meticulously maintained by Jane Burr. The most up-to-date one is located in the top drawer of the cabinet in the Breezeway. The Memorial Garden Committee also has a book on display.

### **Summer Greeter/Coffee Hour Schedule**

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

**Aug 2 Moderator/Vice Moderator/Clerk/Assistant Clerk**

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.

**Please Note:** To request a visit with one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.