

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

July 20, 2014

PRELUDE "Sonatina" Lichner
"Jacob's Ladder" Ritter
"Benedictus on 'Sicilian Mariners'" Young

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Joan McMahon

Leader: We've come to worship God,

People: who loved us before we were yet born.

Leader: We've come to worship God,

People: who knows us even better than we know ourselves.

Leader: We've come to worship God,

People: whose presence never leaves us.

Leader: We've come to worship God,

People: whose love for us never ceases.

Leader: This is our God.

All: Let's worship together!

***OPENING HYMN** #595 "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy God, we gather in your presence with praise and thanksgiving for the faithful love you have shown toward your people, and for the many blessings you have given to us. Your promises are eternal, and they are backed by the honor of your name. Thank you for your faithful presence among us, even when we are not fully aware of it. Continue to reveal yourself to us. Open our eyes to see you here among us; open our ears to hear your Word. For surely, you are with us in this place. In the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM – Zoë Evie Grossi

Congregational Response (*unison*)

We promise our love, support, and care to this child and her family as she grows in faith and faithfulness. With God's help, we promise to guide and encourage her, by counsel and example, in prayer and with love, to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

***BAPTISM HYMN** #75 "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

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 "You Raise Me Up" R. Lovland/B. Graham
Duet - Marissa and Ryan Fujimoto

SCRIPTURE Genesis 28:10-19

SERMON Rev. Robin Bird

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Traditional

***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** #552 "Standing on the Promises"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Raise a Song of Glory" Smith

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

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

We rejoice in the baptism of Zoë Evie Grossi, daughter of Diane Goodrich and Stephen Grossi. Welcome to Zoë's sponsors, Sarah and Jon Piela.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Memorial Garden Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Deb Hampton and family on the loss of her brother, Paul Munns; Louise Sansing on the loss of her husband, Charles (friends of Jan and Tony Muro); Philip Bogard dealing with cancer; Sarah Bird; Wendy Parker, friend of Linda Dayton; Isiah Fleeting; Tim and Althea Madigan; Helen Dyar; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; 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; 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

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

BCE: Tuesday, July 22, 7 PM, Library

Support Group: Friday, July 25, 10:30 AM, Library

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

Fresh lavender needed by the Plant Committee that is making lavender bottles for the Holiday Fair. If you have any to donate, please contact Karen Prewo, 860-645-0014.

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**.

Scrip-Your-All! Don't forget to pick up your grocery cards, gifts for weddings, birthdays, etc. or a card to Dairy Queen! Stop down during Coffee Hour and check out our new card offerings and the 120+ eCards that we can print 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). 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.

Name Tags: If you ordered a name tag it is available for pick-up at the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. If you need a name tag you can order it any Sunday during Coffee Hour or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You can choose a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

Greeter 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 the next few weeks is as follows:

- July 27 Board of Missions/Board of Finance
- August 3 Furnishings & Memorials/Ushering Committees
- August 10 Boards of Deacons/Board of Christian Education

Thank you to the Memorial Garden Committee for greeting and hosting today!