

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

August 2, 2015

Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP

Don Peacock

Leader: We gather to worship the God of Creation.

People: Love draws us to this place.

Leader: We gather in the name of Christ,

People: Love moves among us here.

Leader: We gather in the breath of the Spirit,

People: Love fills us with holy power.

Leader: We gather together to lift our hearts toward heaven,

People: And to give thanks for all that was, is, and is yet to come.

*OPENING HYMN #276 "We Gather Together"

PRAYER of INVOCATION

Wondrous and un-wearied God, let us know your presence in this hour. For these holy moments, let your peace settle like a dove upon us, let your hope well up like flames within us, let your love breathe new life into all our lives. Wrap us in a warm cocoon of your grace, and send us forth transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL to PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION 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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon.

Please hold the elements until all are served.)

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Let the Waters Rise"

Mikeschair

Christa Hockenberry and Ryan Fujimoto

*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 #431 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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

Welcome to our guest organist Jim Purnell.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Donna Burgess in memory of her mother's birthday, August 6.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Moderator/Vice Moderator/Clerk/Assistant Clerk

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.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Nancy Hilton and family on the loss of her father Jack Allen; Paul Shimer and family on the death of his wife, Susan; Janita Majkowski, mother-in-law of Pat Lazeren; the Harvin family on the death of Donna Harvin; Candy, Lynette Melanson's sister; Dave Boucher, brother-in-law of Jen and Tim Condry; Greg Moffatt; Owen Brian Lisowski; 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; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; 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; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; 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

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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, August 4, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

BCE: Tuesday, August 4, 7 PM, Library

Council: Wednesday, August 5, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Support Group: Friday, August 7, 10:30 AM, Library

Memorial Service for Susan Shimer: Saturday, August 8, 11 AM

Calling All Women... Did you know that you are automatically a member of Women's Fellowship? Check out the poster in the Narthex for interesting facts about Women's Fellowship over the years and watch for a schedule of events for the coming year that will be available on Rally Sunday, August 30.

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).

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

The loose offering collected today is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid, in time of emergency, to people within the congregation.

Summer Greeter/Coffee Hour Schedule

Aug 9 Ushering and Furnishings & Memorials Committees

Aug 16 Board of Music/Library Committee

Aug 23 Board of Trustees/Ways and Means Committee

Aug 30 Board of Missions and Outreach/Women's Fellowship

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.

Scrip-Your-All: Visit our church website (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) for complete information on how to sign up and for a list of cards available or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

Pairs and Spares: It's coming...a new social group at FCCV for members and friends...a group for adults (singles or those with partners)! No commitment or meetings to attend. Watch for sponsored events and choose which ones you'd like to attend. Our first event is August 28 from 6-8 PM. We'll be going to Cassidy Hills (cassidyhillvineyard.com/events) to enjoy live music. Bring a picnic supper, lawn chair and your friends. There will be a sign or marker at the vineyard to let you know where we are meeting up. Any questions, contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

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**.

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 at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

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. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.