

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

August 5, 2012

Holy Communion

GATHERING MUSIC "Prelude from Suite Bergamasque" Debussy
"Promenade" T. Dubois
"Tales from the Vienna Woods" J. Strauss

CHIMING of the HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

WORDS of REFLECTION

"Grace is believing that God is the only thing left that will provide you with a tomorrow."
anonymous

PRELUDE "Raise the Song on High" S. Scott

*RESPONSIVE CALL to WORSHIP Debbie Marshall

Leader: Called to lead a life that is worthy, we gather as God's people.

People: **Whatever roads we walk, whatever waters we have passed through, we share one baptism.**

Leader: Called to model lives of service, we share in the building up of Christ's Body.

People: **Our backgrounds are different, our habits vary, but we share a common faith in Christ.**

Leader: Called to be people of peace and gentleness, we offer these gifts to all of God's creation.

People: **Though each of us is unique and precious to God, our hearts beat as one with hope.**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the One who has called you by one faith, one hope, one baptism.

People: **We gather as God's family at the Table prepared for us, to be fed by the Bread of life.**

*OPENING HYMN #15 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, who is the source, the companion, and the goal of life's journey, in joy and hope, we gather in your name this day. Here we gather as the sinful looking to be forgiven; the broken yearning to be healed; the lost hoping to be found. By the unending mystery of your love and grace, bless us in our worship and in our living. Through the renewal of our minds and the redirection of our lives, bless and empower us to be ambassadors, proclaimers and models of the wonders of your love and grace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER (unison... "debts")

PRAYER RESPONSE "His Strength Is Perfect" Chapman/Salley
Serena Volovski, Gretchen Fisher Orr, Joanne Myer

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Lift Thine Eyes" Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY (#46 in hymnal)

*PRAYER of DEDICATION (unison)

What a sacred moment in our worship and in our lives this moment is, O God. Together we acknowledge that all that we have, all that enriches our lives, comes from you. In your love, you have blessed us beyond our needs and our deserving. With grateful hearts, we offer to you a portion of those same gifts that the good news of your love and grace might be proclaimed, far and wide. We offer these in Jesus' name. Amen

SCRIPTURE II Samuel 11: 26-12:13a

Psalm 51

SERMON

The Rev. David Minnick

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: May the God of grace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: People of one faith, one baptism, lift your hearts to God.

People: **We offer our hearts to the One who has reshaped them by grace.**

Leader: People of one hope, one Spirit, lift your songs of praise to God.

People: **We lift them to God who has called us to one Body in one Spirit.**

*COMMUNION HYMN #395 "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

BREAKING of the BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon serving communion. Please wait until all are served before eating the bread and drinking the cup.)

SHARING of the CUP

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN #450 "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

BENEDICTION "Only Trust Him" Stockton

POSTLUDE "Processional" R. Hughes

*All who are able are invited to stand.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by Donna Burgess in memory of her Mom's birthday.

Greeters: Board of Deacons

Coffee Hour: Board of Music

WELCOME TO FCCV!

If you are a guest, please take a moment after the worship service and sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

There you will also find a special Welcome Bag just for you.

Guests are encouraged to use the Pew Cards to request information about our church, to provide addresses/emails for communication purposes or to ask for a pastoral visit. The Pew Cards can be placed in the plates with the offering.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Search Committee: Monday, August 6, Library

Prayer Shawl Group: Wednesday, August 8, 1 PM, Library

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

Field of Flags: At FCCV on Friday, August 24 starting at 8AM, a flag will be placed for each soldier who has lost his/her life in the Iraq/Afghanistan conflict, to remember each individual as well as their families and friends in prayer. Field of Flags will be dedicated on August 26 at the 10 AM worship service and will be on display until Thursday, September 13. Volunteers are needed to help place the flags which should take about 4-6 hours. If you can help out, even if it's only for an hour, please contact Brad Leonard, 860-402-0434 or 860 871-1980. Thanks!

<p style="text-align: center;">September CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, August 14</p>

Needed for the Fall... A Sunday School teacher for grades 6-8. Contact Linda Shivers or Cindy Madden if interested.

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

Summer Sunday School: If interested in teaching (one week or more) please sign up on bulletin board near the Library or contact Victoria Madden.

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. A staffed **Toddler Room** is open all summer for **children 12 months - 5 years old.**

<p><u>In Our Ongoing Prayers...</u> Allan Chesterton; Debbie Marshall (broken wrist); Claudette and Art Weingart; Bill Harford, Ann's husband; Peggy Ellis (broken hip); Nicole Cartier, Jim and Nancy Wilson's granddaughter (major pelvis/hip surgery); Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross, 3 year old daughter of Megan and Eli (friends of Emily Westerberg), diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL); Deborah Costello, friend of Angel Hockenberry, (breast cancer); Richard Brooke, Betsy Gerakaris' brother; Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Corey Glidden, son of Debbie Marshall; Hudson Prewo, son of Erin and Christopher Prewo and grandson of Karen and Karl Prewo; Ray Turner, father-in-law of Cheryl Turner (stroke); Judy Quinn, friend of Tony and Jan Muro, (cancer); Martha Fowler (cancer); Michael Bebrin; the leaders, members and friends of Somers Congregational Church; Ellie Cantlin, Mary Wheeler's sister-in-law, (cancer); FCCV Search Committee; Donna Peacock; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle, Al and Marilyn Newton's grandson; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell (heart); Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann, friend of the Gerakaris'; John Mayhew; John Kaminski, Susan Moreau's father; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase</p>
