

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, he UCC

August 17, 2014

PRELUDE “Ronde Turque” Bizet
“Humoresque ‘L’organo primitiva” Yon
“Pleyel’s Hymn” arr. Ashford
“Fanfare” Lemmens

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Pat Aldrich

Leader: God’s Word is written in our hearts.

People: God’s Love is etched upon our being.

Leader: God’s Spirit is alive within us.

People: For we are God’s people.

Leader: From the least of us to the greatest, we are God’s beloved people,

People: We have come to worship, sing, and pray in Jesus’ name.

***OPENING HYMN** #586 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy and Eternal God, look upon us with love. Open our ears to hear your still, small voice. Open our hands to give and receive from you. Open our hearts to love as Jesus loved. In this time of worship, with our souls wide open to you, let us sense your Spirit and get caught up in your grace, that we may be more open to each other and the world. In the name of 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 – Avery Elizabeth and Hudson Christopher Prewo
Congregational Response (*unison*)

We promise our love, support, and care to these children and their family as they grow in faith and faithfulness. With God’s help, we promise to guide and encourage them, 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 “Here I Am, Lord” D. Schutte/arr. T. Fetke
Althea Madigan and Beth Soulier

SCRIPTURE Mark 7: 24-37

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE “Whisper a Prayer”

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “In the Garden” A. Miles/arr. R. Heffler
Althea Madigan – Oboe solo

***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** #564 “He Touched Me”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Trikes in Motion” F. Hilholland

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

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

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.

“Trikes in Motion” was written for Althea Madigan by Frank Milholland in celebration of her first ride on her Can-Am Spyder.

We rejoice in the baptism of Avery Elizabeth and Hudson Christopher Prewo, daughter and son of Erin and Christopher Prewo.

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in memory of Nancy Kunz by the Kunz family.

The rosebuds on the Marbletop Table are given in celebration of Avery and Hudson Prewos baptism.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Ways & Means Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Steve Bright having chemo; Susan Ahrens; Amy Freisinger; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Sarah Bird; Wendy Parker; Isiah Fleeting; Helen Dyar; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Marge Salmon; Mary White; Eleanor Sweet; Joyce Smith; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; 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; 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***

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

BCE: Tuesday, August 19, 7 PM, Library

TPC: Tuesday, August 19, 7 PM, Chapel

Support Group: Friday, August 22, 10:30 AM, Library

On August 3 **Scrip-Your-All** had its 6th highest earning week since our start 9 months ago. We are now at approximately \$4,300 in earnings towards our \$6,000 goal. Thank you to all who are helping support this program. There are 2 ways for you to learn about Scrip-Your-All, stop by our table during Coffee Hour or visit the church website (FirstChurchOfVernon.org) where Gerry Dyer has created a new page dedicated to Scrip-Your-All. Thank you Gerry! Next "Plastic Card" order delivery dates (eCards are available any Sunday): August 17 (Order by August 11) and August 31 (Order by August 25).

Looking Ahead! The Ways & Means Committee is holding their **Shred Event/Book/Baked Goods/Mum** sale on **Saturday, September 13. Books are needed** and donations may be dropped off at church the week leading up to the sale. Ways & Means is also looking for members to join their committee. If interested contact Susan Pilkons.

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

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.**

Greeter and Coffee Hour Summer Schedule

- August 24 Library Committee/Board of Trustees
- August 31 Stewardship & Evangelism and flower Committees

Thank you to the Ways & Means Committee for hosting today.