



Welcome to a church where everyone matters and everyone belongs.

Prelude

Welcome

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Light of Christ

****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.***

*Call to Worship/Prayer

Sue Mias

Leader: In the beginning God created all things,

People: and God saw that they were good.

Leader: At our beginning, God created us

People: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before God created us.

Leader: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

People: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place.

Leader: Let us pray ...

Lord God, Ruler of Creation, open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, ever here in your creation, and ever beyond it in eternity. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #64 "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Wakefield William Hauze

Welcome

Questions of the Parents and Sponsors

Congregational Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Blessing the Water

Act of Baptism; Presentation of the Newly Baptized

Prayer for the Baptized

Leader: ... hear the baptismal prayers of the congregation:

People: Be with Wakefield through the years, blessing his life, that he may grow in love for you. Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

We rejoice in the baptism of Wakefield, son of Lindsay and William Hauze. Welcome to his sponsors, Tiffani and Ben Djiounas.

*Hymn #113 "Jesus Loves Me"

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.

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

Anthem "Shine, Jesus Shine" G. Kendrick

Scripture Genesis 4b-7

Sermon Rev. Robin Bird

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Trad. Spiritual

*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 #56 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

*Benediction

Postlude "Marching Along Together" Pola/Steininger

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

Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Today's Preludes

"Sonata In C" Mozart
"Csardas, Danse Hongroise" Delibes
"Toccata" Renzi

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Geraldine Strong; Paula Dascomb recovering from knee replacement surgery; Claudette Weingart; Helen Dyar; Michael Doyle and his wife Kathy; Dean Hockenberry; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister; Ryan Meneses; Joyce Smith; John Arthur; Brian, 11 years old, fighting cancer; Meg, Bill and Holly Boutwell's sister/sister-in-law; the homeless; the hungry; gun reform; acceptance of religious diversity/skin color/sexual orientation; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria, Belgium & Pakistan; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

New additions in bold print

Today after Worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall

School Store, sponsored by the Board of Missions. We have purchased school supplies that are available for you to "buy" by making a donation to cover the cost of the item(s). Supplies have already been delivered to the Hockanum Valley Community Council for distribution to local children in need to insure they start the new school year with needed school supplies. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

The Grounds Committee is taking **orders** for assorted **Dutch Mill** and **Holland Daffodil bulbs**. You may also order at <http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/1stcongregationalchurchofvernon.php>

Today's Activities

Cookout

following the Worship Service
Everyone is invited to join us for a time of fun, fellowship and games!
Food and beverage provided.

Junior Choir rehearsal begins today at 11:30 AM in Kellogg Hall. Children in grades K-6 are welcome to come and sing. Contact Althea Madigan, 860-870-5185, if you have questions.
J*Walkrzs: 3:30 PM

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, September 12, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Come with suggestions of things you would like to know more about.

Laity Committee: Monday, September 12, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Mind & Spirit Support Group: Monday, September 12, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Ways & Means Committee: Monday, September 12, 7 PM, Sunday School Classroom

**October CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, September 13**

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, September 13, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

Deacons: Tuesday, September 13, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 15, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 15, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, September 16, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Shred Event/Bake/Mum/Book Sale: Saturday, September 17, 9 AM-2 PM

Pulled Pork Dinner: Saturday, September 23, 5-6:30 PM. Menu: Pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans, apple crisp and beverage. Cost - \$12 per person. Take out available.

Date to Remember: During the worship service on Sunday, September 25, we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our Sanctuary, rebuilt in just 20 months after a devastating fire. Rev. Robin will be acknowledging this milestone and there will be a display of photographs, clippings and artifacts showcasing the rebuilding process. In addition, all those who were attending our church or were part of the Vernon/Rockville community at the time, are invited to be part of an anniversary photograph which will be taken immediately after the service.

Thank You seems so inadequate in expressing the gratitude the Board of Christian Education has for the many hard workers who helped prepare the Sunday School wing for Rally Sunday. It looks beautiful. There are still a few more projects to be completed if you want to help. Contact Millie Oliphant or Debi Hockenberry if interested.

We are in need of "gently used" toddler toys for our Child Care Room. Please see Debi Hockenberry if you have any to donate.

Child Care is available for church activities/events when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Contact Child Care Coordinator, Jen Jensen, 860-836-5824.

The **Holiday Fair**, Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, is just around the corner and we need your help to make it a success. Here's how you can help...

- Set-up on Friday
- Work at the fair Friday and/or Saturday
- Bake cookies for the Cookie Booth or any other goodies for the Baked Goods Table
- Knit or crochet mittens, scarves, hats
- Make doll clothes, aprons, potholders, placemats
- Donate quilted, cross-stitched or painted items
- Donate jewelry
- Pick up a craft kit to take home and work on
- Donate houseplants (African Violets, Snake or Jade plants, etc.) to the Plant Booth. Pot them now so they will be ready in November.

Being involved in the Fair is a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, call Phyllis Chase, 860-875-8653 or email Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

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 Cheryl Purnell, 860-712-8124 or Sue Pilkons, 860-875-4122.

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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