



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

Steve Morse

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,

People: who is ever-faithful, in whom we can trust.

Leader: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

People: who takes our burdens from us and lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,

People: the Living Presence, who teaches us to be trustworthy.

Leader: Let us pray,

God of the Covenant, as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #272 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Sacrament of Baptism

Tyler Gregory Richards

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 Tyler 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 Tyler, son of Lindsay and Greg Richards. Welcome to his sponsors, Sunny and Jeff Richards.

*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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" J. Rutter
Scripture Genesis 15:1-6
Sermon Rev. Robin Bird
Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer
Call to Offering
Offertory "Rock-a My Soul" 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 #552 "Standing on the Promises"
*Benediction
Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Mansfield
****All who are able are invited to stand.***

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

The flowers on the Communion Table are given in celebration of the baptism of Tyler Gregory Richards.

Today's Preludes

"Moonlight' Sonata"	Beethoven
"Perfect Peace"	Paxton
"Hymn for Brotherhood"	Hughes
"Unity and Brotherhood"	Chesterton

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Shirley McElroy, local, beloved line dance instructor, dealing with cancer; Geraldine Strong; Paula Dascomb; 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

Coffee and Conversation

Today the J*Walkrz who attended the National Youth Event in Orlando this summer will be sharing a slideshow and talk on their experiences.

The Grounds Committee is taking **orders** for assorted **Dutch Mill** and **Holland Daffodil bulbs**. Fifty percent of the profits will be used to purchase plants and planting materials. You may also order at <http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/1stcongregationalchurchofvernon.php> **FCCV Water Bottles** are being sold for \$10. Proceeds go towards FCCV evangelism efforts.

Name Tags: Stop by the Scrip-Your-All table to order one or pick up the one you ordered.

FCCV Business Cards: Have you wanted to give someone additional information about FCCV? FCCV business cards are now available at the Scrip-Your-All table. Pick some up today.

Today's Activities

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall. Children in grades K-6 are welcome. Questions? Contact Althea Madigan, 860-870-5185.

Memorial Garden: 11:30 AM, Greg Mias' classroom

Jr. J*Walkrz: 3:30-5 PM, Fellowship Hall. Attention all 4th-7th graders! Taunya and Kate invite you to join us for our first meeting. There will be games, conversation, team building and just plain fun (and probably some food too!). If you have not picked up your goodie bag and Jr. J*Walkrz information, pick it up today during Coffee Hour at our table in Fellowship Hall.

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, September 19, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

BCE: Tuesday, September 20, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Craft Workshop: Wednesday, September 21, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall. We are in need of village pieces (houses, churches, etc.) Leave in the Women's Fellowship closet or contact Jan Muro.

Finance: Wednesday, September 21, 7:15 AM, Kellogg Hall

Basket Group: Thursday, September 22, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 22, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 22, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, September 23, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Pulled Pork Dinner: Friday, 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. **Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner.** If interested, contact Susan Pilkons, 860-875-4122.

Reminder: During the worship service next 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. 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.

Fiesta Salad Bar/Kitchen Shower: Wednesday, September 28, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Please bring an item for the kitchen (hand or dish soap, sponges, plastic storage bags, sponges, etc.). All women of the church are invited to join us for salad and dessert. There will be a preview of some items to be sold at the Fair. Catch up with old friends and meet some new people. Questions, call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

The **Board of Missions and Outreach would like to thank** the congregation for supporting our School Store on Rally Sunday. Your generosity allowed us to purchase backpacks and related supplies (binders, filler paper, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, calculators, etc.) to help local families in need as children returned to school. Thank you!!

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

- Set-up on Friday or 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 or pick up a craft kit to take home and work on
- Donate jewelry
- Donate houseplants 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 questions or want to volunteer, call Phyllis Chase, 860-875-8653 or email Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

Leanne Connolly wishes to thank Debi Hockenberry and the congregation for the beautiful collar she is wearing as a symbol of her commissioning in June.

Junior Choir welcomes all kids in grades K-6. We are not about carrying a tune or filling a choir sound, although we work on that. We usually sing once a month during the worship service. Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:30 AM for 20 minutes or so. Questions or comments? Contact Althea Madigan, 860-870-5185 or childings@comcast.net.

Scrip-Your-All Update: To date we have raised just over \$2,995 towards our 2016 goal of \$5,000. Gift cards can be purchase during Coffee Hour, but you can also order or get them almost instantly with Scrip Now! (e-cards!). Orders placed today will be available next Sunday. Thank you to all who are participating. We hope others will consider doing so! Visit www.ShopWithScrip.com (enrollment code F2F1CF113843L) or stop by our table during Coffee Hour for more information.

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.

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

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