



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude

Welcome

Pay It Forward

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 Betsy Gerakaris

Leader: Creator God, we come to you with open hearts and open minds to receive your eternal love and give our grateful love and thanks to you.

People: Just as our past generations of believers left us their legacy of faith, we too, will strive to pass on our faith and trust in you to our present and future generations.

Leader: God sustained those of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, United Church of Christ after they saw their place of worship destroyed by fire fifty years ago.

People: As God does with us, God strengthened God's people of faith through their tragedy then and held them together in faith and love.

Leader: God will continue to help us.

People: Let this church, these grounds, and all associated with this community be a beacon of light to each other, our wider community, and the world.

Leader: Let us pray ...

Life giving God, as we journey together we invite your Holy Spirit to work within us to be the hands and feet of your justice, your peace, your light, your love in an ever-changing world. As members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, United Church of Christ, we will be mindful of the inheritance into which we have entered. We will continue to maintain this sacred space. With your spark of the Divine within us, we realize we create sacred space wherever we go. We covenant with one another and future generations to spread God's love, God's light, and God's word as taught by our Savior and example, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #458 "Ours the Journey"

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

Scripture Genesis 37:3-8

Sermon Rev. Robin Bird

*Hymn #555 "Through It All" (sing twice)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

*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 #537 "My Hope Is Built"

*Benediction

Postlude "Grand Choeur (from "Joshua")"

"See, the conqu'ring hero comes" Handel

****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 by Tom and Lynn Sweet to honor the hard work, dedication and faith demonstrated by the FCCV family of 1965-66 as they rebuilt the beautiful sanctuary in which we worship today.

Today's Preludes

"Sonata movements" Purcell
"Chorale and Variations" Walther
"Psalm XX"

Marcello

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" arr. Ashford/Young

Please take a few moments directly after the service or during Coffee Hour to view the exhibits placed at the front of the Sanctuary. These photos, newspaper clippings and other artifacts will give you some insight into the efforts taken during the planning and construction of this building...AND, if you were here in September 1966, please consider being part of the group picture to be taken after church.

Reminder...Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM.

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Donna Lagueux, friend of Barb Hesse, dying from cancer; Shirley McElroy; 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

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> or through the link on our website (www.firstchurchofvernon.org).

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

Today is the last day to sign up for the J*Walkrz and Jr Jz Whale Watch on October 10. Sign up on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library.

Please Note: There is NO Junior Choir Rehearsal today.

Grounds Committee: 11:30 AM, Greg Mias' classroom

J*Walkrz: 3:30-5 PM, Fellowship Hall

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, September 26, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

Mind & Spirit Support Group: Monday, September 26, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, September 27, noon at Mitchell's Restaurant

Craft Workshop: Wednesday, September 28, 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.

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.

Trustees: Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Basket Group: Thursday, September 29, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, September 29, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, September 29, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall. Child Care is available for our rehearsals upon request. Even if you can only attend for part of the time, we'd love to have you.

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

Family Night Out: Saturday, October 1, 5-9 PM, Fellowship Hall

Save the Date-Work Day, Saturday, October 15 (rain-date October 22) from 8-11 AM. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the church and parsonage grounds. We will be removing ivy from the parsonage, dividing root balls, planting and edging beds, so bring appropriate garden tools.

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.

Heartsaver CPR/AED classes will be held at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West Road, Vernon on the following dates: October 19, 6:30-9:30 PM,

November 15, 6:30-9:30 PM and December 14, 6:30-9:30 PM. Since we have an AED in our church, it is our responsibility to make sure that members within the congregation are trained in its usage. The cost for the class is \$25 and the Parish Nurses will help with some of the cost. To register, email learn_cpr@yahoo.com or contact Delythe Kracke at (860) 872-3004 or delythek@yahoo.com. Classes fill quickly, so please register promptly. Learn a life-saving skill!

Scrip-Your-All Update: To date we have raised just over \$3,040 towards our 2016 goal of \$5,000. With just over 3 months to go, this may be a bit hard to reach but with your continued participation, we'll reach our goal. If you want to learn more about Scrip-Your-All, stop by our table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Soupfest 2016: Thursday, November 3, 6 PM, at St. Bernard Church Hall presented by The Cornerstone Foundation. All proceeds support those in need in our community. The event is free. Raffles tickets will be available before and during the evening and Delythe Kracke will be selling them at Coffee Hour during the month of October. Please support this good cause while enjoying a fun evening filled with great soup and entertainment!

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.

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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