



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

*Call to Worship/Prayer

Paul Shimer

Leader: Come.

People: Let us be God's community.

Leader: Come with love.

People: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

Leader: Come with curiosity.

People: We are one body, one planet, one Church.

Leader: Come with hope.

People: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.

Leader: Let us worship. Let us pray together ...

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship.

Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table.

**Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #600 "Jesu, Jesu"

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table, whether you have plenty, not enough; known, isolated; doubtful, faithful; straight, gay; black, brown, white; healthy, hurting; happy, depressed; whether you come all the time or you have never come. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called. Come...let us share this meal together. *(Arabic spoken by Mohammed Benbrahim)*

Prayer/Blessing

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness. May we be united with every corner of your story; united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry, united in your love. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. We lift our voices now as we pray as Jesus taught us... *(Croatian spoken by Iva Conrad)*

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.

Words of Institution

On the night before Jesus was betrayed, he sat at table with his closest companions. He took a loaf and blessed it in a way those at the table had never heard before. After the blessing, he broke the bread and said, "Take. Eat. All of you. This is the bread of the Body, exiled, silenced, beaten and executed. This is my body for you. When you eat of this, do it in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, while Jesus was still at table, he took a cup, and he blessed it. After the blessing he said, "Take this and divide it among all of you. This is the blood of community. Blood shed in war and in homes. Blood that carries the memories of beauty and justice. Blood that flows with new beginnings for God's One, Holy Body. When you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim, O God, Christ's death, we declare Christ's resurrection, and we await Christ's coming again. Glory be to you, O God.

Come now and eat at the table of God's miraculous grace. These are holy things for holy people. God's people...Let us come!
(French spoken by Candy Bird Ryan)

Intinction

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together in to the world as servants of your peace. Amen.
(Spanish spoken by Sybil McKinzy)

*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.

Scripture

Sermon Don Bird

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "Bread of the World" R. Heber

*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 #601 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*Benediction

Postlude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Broughton

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

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

The flowers by the Communion Table are given by the Lazeren/Turner families in loving memory of Ray and Clara Livermore, parents and grandparents.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in honor of the Rev. Robin Bird on the occasion of her installation to be held this afternoon.

Today's Preludes

"Trio on "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee""	Blake
"Just As I Am"	Broughton
"His Name Is Wonderful"	Mieir

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Lorraine Grork, Pam Lyons' friend; **Pat Lazeren**; 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

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

Deacons assisting with Communion: Marilyn Newton (in charge), Bill Boutwell, Judy Ramsdell, Nancy Hilton, Haley Hasty, Betsy Gerakaris

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).

Today's Activities

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

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

Rev. Robin Bird's Installation: 3 PM in the Sanctuary with Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, October 3, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

Evening Circle – Craft Night: Monday, October 3, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

Craft Workshop: Wednesday, October 5, 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.

Council: Wednesday, October 5, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Basket Group: Thursday, October 6, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall. We are in dire need of baskets and also need donations of jewelry for the Fair.

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

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 6, 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, October 7, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Bloodmobile: Friday, October 7, 12:30-6 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed to give blood, bake goodies and to help out that day. Contact Doe Adams, 860-872-0841.

Missions: Saturday, October 8, 10 AM, Kellogg 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!

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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