

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UC

October 4, 2015

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE “God So Loved the World” Stainer/Paxton
 “Is This Not Bread?” Rudolph/Scriveyner
 “Dona nobis pacem” Mozart

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP and PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*insert*)
(*Prayer by Eunjoo M. Kim*)

***OPENING HYMN** #396 “Una Espiga” (Sheaves of Summer)

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CALL to PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

COMMUNION by INTINCTION

(*Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon.*)

“We Are the World” Jackson/Ritchie

Christa Hockenberry, Glory Hockenberry

Sophie Becker, Hannah Ramsdell. Megan Hasty

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank you for refreshing our souls with this remembrance of your love. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-29; 34-35

SERMON

Rev. Robin Bird

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Love in Any Language” J. Mohr

***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** #600 Jesu, Jesu”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Hymn for Brotherhood” arr. Hughes

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

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

The flowers by the Communion Table are given by Bert and Helen Dahling in honor of their anniversary on October 6.

The flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by the Senior Choir and the Board of Music in honor of Leanne Connolly who celebrated her birthday last Sunday.

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Evelyn Ohlendorf, 3 month old granddaughter of Pat Melville, having surgery on October 13; **Daniel Burnett-Pollock**, son of Halene Fujimoto; **Darlene Kennedy**, friend of Candy Buswell; Emmalee Watkins, 12-year-old friend of Peg and Steve Leary; Bess Howe; Tim Madigan; Fred Kracke; Debbie Barney; Barbara Evensen; Dave Toolan; Lillian Morse; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer, Margaret Klukas; Janita Majkowski; Candy, Lynette Melanson’s sister; Dave Boucher; Greg Moffatt; Lillian Burnett; Carol Mento; Paula Dascomb; Rachel Meneses; Joyce Smith; Mike Lazeren; Gilmay Markunas and family; Pat Lazeren; Gail Brewer; David and Elizabeth Hollister; Bobby Dwire; Warren Little; Frederick Burgess; Tom Fitzgerald; Melinda Singh; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness; Ed Rockland; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Cindy Madden; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Nancy Bailey; Lillian Burnett; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; Kim Burnham; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski

New additions in bold print

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 worshipping 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.

Greeters: Deacons

Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

Deacons Assisting with Communion: Delythe Kracke (Deacon-in-charge), Jim Wilson, Maddy Condry, Karl Prewo, Cheryl Purnell, Greg Mias, Marilyn Newton

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

J*Walkrz: 3:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Bloodmobile: Friday, October 9 from 1:30-6:15 PM. Volunteers are needed to give blood, to help out that day and/or provide goodies. **Sign up today** or contact Doe Simmonds, 860-872-0841.

Name Tags: If you ordered one you may pick it up at the Scrip-Your-All table. If you need one, you may order one or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You have a choice of a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Monday, October 5, 11 AM, Library

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

Council: Wednesday, October 7, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, October 8, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 8, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, October 9, 10:30 AM, Library

Bloodmobile: Friday, October 9 from 1:30-6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

Women with a Past: Find out about the women of the church who began the Ladies Aid Society and worked to update the Society to the Women's Council and then to what is now Women's Fellowship. Come, experience an interactive display on Sunday, October 18 during Coffee Hour.

Aid for Syrian Refugees: We have the opportunity to work with the organization NuDay Syria which funds many programs to aid those still living in war-torn Syria and those who have been displaced to refugee camps in surrounding countries. These people are in desperate need, most having fled with nothing. For the next month, we will be collecting new and gently-used clothing, bedding and other items to be delivered directly to those in need by NuDay Syria. Please see Cathy Foote after church in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Sunday School Volunteer Still Needed - one Pre-K Assistant. If you love children and can spare a Sunday or two a month, please talk to Deb Hampton or Debi Hockenberry. Thank you!

Pairs and Spares: Did you miss the Line Dancing on Saturday? Pictures of this event, as well as ones taken at Cassidy Hill Vineyard and the Valley Falls hike are posted downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Our next event is a **Bring-Your-Own Picnic Dinner and Fire Pit** on Saturday, **October 17**, location TBD. If you have ideas for future events or any questions, contact Kate Fowler at 860-614-9747 or kfowler64@yahoo.com.

Trustees Work Party: Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 AM-2 PM. We will be cleaning and fixing things around the church, inside and out, depending on the weather, so come and join the fun. Lend a hand in making the church facility look its best. Be sure to bring your tools. Contact Sue Mias if interested.

Reading Buddies Volunteers Needed! Every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 3-5:15 PM, volunteers are needed to read to students at Maple Street School. This program is run by the YMCA. If interested, **please sign up** on the sheet posted on the bulletin board opposite the coat room downstairs. For more information call Millie Oliphant at 860-872-7106.

The loose offering collected today is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid, in time of emergency, to people within the congregation.

Scrip-Your-All Update: To date we have earned \$3276. Thank you! We hope you keep participating...as you can see, it does make a difference. You can also participate by purchasing online. Not participating? Check out our FCCV website for complete information on how to sign up (firstchurchofvernon.org/scrip-your-all) or stop by the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour for more information.

Please Note: To request a visit with one of the pastors, please contact the Church Office at 860-875-7580.

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**.

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 Jan Muro at jmoze@hotmail.com or 872-1757 or Sue Pilkons at 860-875-4122.

Reminder: FCCV records its Sunday worship services. These services are available for viewing on a one-week delay on Comcast Community Voice Channel 5, Sunday mornings at 10 AM and Monday evenings at 6 PM. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

Getting in Touch with our Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Suzanne Personette, 860/875-7580

Email: revsuz@hotmail.com

Rev. Suzanne's Hours

Tuesday through Thursday, 9-3 (office and visits)

Friday and Saturday, sermon writing and worship prep.