

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 5, 2014

World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

“Park Street”	Ashford
“Scherzino”	Beethoven
“Dialogue”	Mozart
“Ricerare”	Pachelbel

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Stan Possell

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hands

People: To receive the bread of blessing.

Leader: Open wide your heart

People: To welcome the whole world.

Leader: Attune your ears

People: To hear the words God meant for you.

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN #384 “Here at Thy Table, Lord”

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

God of the whole world, we gather here in this sacred hour to worship you. Wash us in your holy love, rest us in your nurturing peace and restore us in your infinite grace as beloved children of your heart. In the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

BREAKING the BREAD and SHARING the CUP

(*Gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. Please hold the elements until all are served.*)

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 Matthew 25:31-40

SERMON

Rev. Meg Watson

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Rodgers/Wyse

*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 #683 “O for a World”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Grand Choer” Guilmant

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

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

The Flowers on the Communion Table are given by Bert and Helen Dahling in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Deacons assisting with Communion: Marilyn Newton (Deacon-in-charge), Phyllis Chase, Ryan Moreau, Sue Pilkons, Jim Wilson, Karl Prewo, Cheryl Purnell

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Tom and Lynn Sweet on the loss of his mother, Eleanor Sweet; Jeanne Allie, friend of Cathy Foote; Karen Prewo; Pat Lazeren; Sharon Lacey; Ed Rockland, Bettye Kramer's brother-in-law; Maggie and David Minnick; Joyce Smith; Mike Swan; Becky Burr; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Heidi Howie; Steve Bright; Amy Freisinger; Pat Melville; Philip Bogard; Wendy Parker; Rachel Andrews; Christa Hockenberry; Cindy Madden; Mary White; Jan Peacock; Julie Wrona; Carol Shea; Bobby Kelley; Will and Diane Livermore; Susan Shimer; Nancy Bailey; Lorrie Dobson; Lillian Burnett; Debbie Chase; Will Fisher and Jessica Surratt; E.G. and Donna Harvin; Adeline McGee; Chantelle Fuller; Kim Burnham; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Candy Buswell; Lois Montlick; Donna Peacock; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs

New additions in bold print

Greeters: Deacons Sue Pilkons and Ryan Moreau

Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Transformers Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Choir Room

TPC: 1130 AM, Library

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Sign up to be a **donor and/or volunteer** for the **Blood Drive** on October 8.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Evening Circle: Monday, October 6, 7 PM, PF Room. We'll be making candy for the Holiday Fair. Any questions, contact Candy Buswell, 860-869-2470.

Bible Study: Tuesday, October 7, 11 AM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Wednesday, October 8, 1 PM, Library

Blood Drive: Wednesday, October 8, 1:30-6:15 PM

Finance: Wednesday, October 8, 7:15 PM, Library

Theology on Tap: Thursday, October 9, 6 PM, R House Restaurant

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 9, 7:30 PM

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

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting a "**Welcome Back to Sunday School**" **Continental Breakfast** on Sunday, October 19 from 8:30-9:30 AM. All Sunday School teachers, parents and children are encouraged to attend.

Craft Circle, Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM. We are meeting each Monday evening to finish up crafts for the Fair. Feel free to stop in any time to help. All skill levels are welcome. Show us some ideas for different projects or pick up a craft kit to work on at home. For more information, contact Daryl, 871-8594. Thanks!

TAG SALE: Saturday, October 18, 9 AM-2PM, sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. Donations may be dropped off in the Breezeway the week of the sale. Large items will be accepted on Friday, the day before the sale.

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

Name Tags: If you ordered a name tag it is available for pick-up at the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. If you need a name tag you can order it any Sunday during Coffee Hour or contact Jim Montlick (jamontlik@aol.com). You can choose a pin, magnet or clip. A donation of \$3-\$5 is suggested.

Acolytes Needed! To all parents of Sunday School children. . .if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at 860-872-1757 or DelytheK@yahoo.com.

Please Note: 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**.

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. Check your local listings or go to CVCCT.org for the dates and times of showings of other FCCV events. Full length DVDs of the services are also available for borrowing in the Library.

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.