

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 6, 2013

World Communion Sunday

**PRELUDE** "Sonata" Beethoven  
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Glyncannon  
"Just As I Am" Broughton  
"Trumpet Processional" Callender

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACOLYTES**

**CALL to WORSHIP** (*responsive*) Hal Cummings

**Leader:** God of Journey, we come to worship in the company of many neighbors on this World Communion Sunday.

**People:** We've come to share in community and Communion with God through Christ Jesus.

**Leader:** God of Gospel, we come to be inspired by stories from Scripture and to sing songs of hope so that we can boldly face the joys and sorrows of life.

**People:** We've come to be filled by the Spirit so that we can dedicate our lives to continue doing your work in the world.

**Leader:** God of History, we come to sing and proclaim your power as known through Christ Jesus!

**All:** Alleluia! With God's help through Christ we welcome life's embrace.

**\*OPENING HYMN** #330 "Alleluia! Hear God's Story"

**PRAYER of INVOCATION** (*unison*)

God of Love and Light, we ask that you draw us together in community. Help us hear that your story is still unfolding and never-ending. Thank you for the gift of refreshing and renewing us with Communion this morning. Please help us realize that together, with all other Christian neighbors worldwide who are at Table with you, we are made strong and will overcome the problems that afflict the world. We pray this in Christ's name. 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** Luke 17: 5-9  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14

**SERMON** Rev. Joanne Myer

**SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL to OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Bread of the World" D. Eliot

**\*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**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN** #485 "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

**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, which 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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #88 "All My Hope on God Is Founded"

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Dona nobis pacem" Mozart

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

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

**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!

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

Sunday School children meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall today for a group lesson. Parents may pick up their children there after the Worship Service.

Greeters and Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

### In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Lisa, Joan McMahon's daughter, having tests; **Ami Brenner; Jane Saich and family** on the death of her husband Dick Saich; Marissa Fujimoto; Adeline McGee, Millie Oliphant's mother dealing with dementia; Chantelle Fuller, friend of Debi Hockenberry; Pat Nye recovering from shoulder surgery; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon, suffering from a rare autoimmune disease, neuromyelitis optica (NMO); Gail Occhialini, friend of Bill and Millie Oliphant, dealing with leukemia; Kim Burnham; Cheryl Adams; Alan and Jayne Chesterton; Joyce Smith; Betty Worden; Mason Bower; Debbie Marshall; Jeanine Uthgenannt; Michael Turner; Claudette Weingart; Valerie Flitcroft; Irene Wasco; Jan Peacock; Candy Buswell; Donald Chase; Margaret Klukas' sister, Roberta; Steve Bright; Rachel Meneses; Jim Anderson; Lois Montlick; Janet Boucher; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Mike Swan; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger

*New additions in bold print*

### TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation Class: 11:30 AM in the Breezeway

Board of Music: 11:45 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship and Mission: 5-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall to plan for Youth Sunday

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering. A Neighbors in Need collection will be taken today as part of the World Communion Sunday observance. Please make checks payable to FCCV with Neighbors in Need in the memo. Donations may be placed in the special envelope provided in today's bulletin. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

### TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Sign up to be a Care Network volunteer. People are needed to send cards, provide meals, give rides and perform light tasks for those who are temporarily disabled by surgery, illness, hard luck. You can choose what you want to volunteer for. Please think about it and join the Care Network by signing up today or contacting Jan Muro at 872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com.

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Evening Circle: Monday, October 7, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Men's Club: Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

Craft Group: Tuesday, October 8, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

Bible Study with Rev. Meg Watson: Tuesday, October 8, 11 AM, Library

Pictorial Directory Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Deacons: Tuesday, October 8, 7 PM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Wednesday, October 9, 1 PM, Library

BCE: Wednesday, October 9, 7 PM, Library

S & E: Wednesday, October 9, 7 PM, Chapel

Bell Choir: Thursday, October 10, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, October 10, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, October 11, 10:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship - Lake Compounce: Saturday, October 19 from 4-11 PM. Cost of \$35 covers chaperones too (depending on how many sign up, we might be able to get group tickets, which are cheaper). **Sign-up is mandatory** so we will know how many cars/chaperones are needed. Sign up on the bulletin board down the hall from the Library.

Memorial Garden Work Day: Saturday, October 19. Anyone willing to lend a hand is welcome.

The Teaching Parish Committee is happy to announce that our most recent student, Joseph Tobin, is currently serving as Interim Minister at the Congregational Church of Hampton, CT. His Service of Ordination will be held at his home church, First Congregational Church of West Hartford on Sunday, October 20 at 3PM. The TPC will be attending and anyone from FCCV is invited to attend as well.

Let's Make It Shine! The Trustees are having a Work Day on Saturday, November 9 from 9 AM-4 PM to take care of some cleaning in and around the church. We will be dusting, washing, organizing, fixing and doing general cleaning. Come join us for the day, the morning or the afternoon - whatever fits your schedule. Lunch and some good fellowship will be provided free of charge! If you are willing to help out contact Sue Mias at 860-872-4629.

Wanted: Women's Fellowship is in need of donations of straw, metal, styrofoam or grapevine wreaths (round, oval, heart or any shape - used/pre-loved preferred.). Also embroidery hoops (preferably used and small, 3-4" but any size will work), metal graters, burlap (ribbon or fabric - any size or color), wall frames (distressed or scratched OK), dryer vent hoses, bed springs and gauze (pads or rolls, discolored OK).

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

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. 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 (872-1757 or jmoze@hotmail.com) or Jon Dunlap (875-7254).

**Acolytes Needed!** To all parents of Sunday School children...if your child would like to be an acolyte, please contact Delythe Kracke at DelytheK@yahoo.com or (860) 872-3004.

**Want to Meet New People? Volunteer to Serve!** Whether it's welcoming others at the door before the Worship Service or providing a baked good or snack, making coffee or setting up and cleaning up after Coffee Hour, volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. All help is welcome.

**Reminder:** FCCV has been video recording its complete Sunday services since 2004. These worship services, edited to 58 minutes, 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 [www.CVCCT.org](http://www.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.

**Please Wear Your Name Tag!** Reach out in fellowship by wearing your name tag. If you need one, please contact the Church Office, [fccv@snet.net](mailto:fccv@snet.net) or (860)875-7580.