

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF VERNON, UCC

October 13, 2013

PRELUDE "Trio" Bach
"Sonata movement" van Eyken
"Morning Blessing" L. Smith
"With Gratitude" Moore

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

CALL to WORSHIP (*responsive*) Sue Mias

Leader: We gather together, centered in the promises of God,

People: Caught in the embrace of grace,

Leader: Lifted up by stories of faith,

People: Welcomed into the house of blessing.

Leader: We gather together in love and in faith

People: To worship and serve our God.

***OPENING HYMN** #294 "Here We Gather as God's People"

PRAYER of INVOCATION (*unison*)

We come together in your presence, O God, to think again about your love for the world as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our spiritual eyes that we may see more clearly and respond more fully to your gentle, guiding hand. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

TIME with the CHILDREN

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.

ANTHEM "Consecration" J. N. Beck

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:8-10 Luke 17:11-19

SERMON Rev. Meg Watson

***HYMN** #564 "He Touched Me"

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

Congregational Response

We welcome you with joy into the life of this church. We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

COVENANT of MEMBERSHIP

Leader: As members of the First Congregational Church of Vernon, we share in this covenant:

People: We believe in God, we hold a deep and abiding love for Jesus Christ, and we are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit as revealed to us in Scripture and through prayerful discernment.

Leader: We are a faith community, part of the body of Christ,

People: Proclaiming the good news of Christ's resurrection and the freedom of new life for all who follow his ways, sharing God's love with others by reaching out to those in need, and continuing to deepen our knowledge and understanding of God's call in our lives.

Leader: With the help of God and the support of this body of Christ,

People: We covenant to do our best to follow Christ's example and embrace the great commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself," and his new commandment, "Love one another."

Leader: As we journey together,

People: We promise to support and pray for one another, ever mindful that we are to lift up one another with dignity and Christian love.

Leader: We will support this Body of Christ to the best of our ability,

People: By participating in worship and sacraments, through our work and financial support, and in mission and fellowship, in order to strengthen its ministries and deepen our commitment as a faith community that is welcoming and accessible to all.

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL to OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Ain'-A That Good News" W. Dawson

***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** #494 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Rise, Go Joyously Into Life" L. Smith

**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 in memory of Vera Osborn by her nephew and his wife, Bruce and Linda Downing.

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!

Welcome to our New Members: Joining today...Helen Ellsworth, Carol Jensen, Peg Leary, Tania Ryea. Joining on November 10...Janet Ditarando, Steven Leary, Rick and Holly Olmstead

Greeter: Susan Pilkons

Coffee Hour: Ways and Means Committee

In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

E.G. and Donna Harvin (she is dealing with Alzheimer's); **Lisa**, Joan McMahon's daughter, having tests; Ami Brenner; Marissa Fujimoto; Adeline McGee, Millie Oliphant's mother; Chantelle Fuller, friend of Debi Hockenberry; Pat Nye; Sharon Dombek; Rev. Charlie Nichol's granddaughter Devon; Gail Occhialini, friend of Bill and Millie Oliphant; 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; 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

Board of Music: 11:30 AM, Library

Youth Fellowship/Mission Participants/Confirmation: 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary for Youth Sunday rehearsal

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**November CARILLON Deadline
Tuesday, October 15**

Men's Club: Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

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

Craft Group: Tuesday, October 15, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

Furnishings & Memorials: Tuesday, October 15, 7 PM, Chapel

Finance: Tuesday, October 15, 7 PM, Library

Library Committee: Wednesday, October 16, 1 PM, Library

Bell Choir: Thursday, October 17, 6:30 PM, PF Room

Sanctuary Choir: Thursday, October 17, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Support Group: Friday, October 18, 10:30 AM, Library

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

Sunday School Celebration of Families Breakfast: Sunday, October 20, 9:15-10 AM. All families are invited to attend and meet the Board of Christian Education members, our Sunday School Superintendents and teachers. If you can bring a breakfast item to share, please sign up at BCE table in Fellowship Hall.

Trunk or Treating: Sunday, October 27, 11:30 AM in the church parking lot (parsonage side). Adults are invited to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to the children who will be wearing their Halloween costumes to church. And, kids...don't forget to bring a bag for all the candy you will collect!

Youth Fellowship - Please Note: Due to a conflict with Battle of the Bands at Rockville High, our trip to Lake Compounce has been re-scheduled to Saturday, Saturday, October 26 from 4-11 PM. Cost: Rides and Graveyard - \$29.99; Rides Only - \$22.99. **Sign-up is mandatory** so we can plan for transportation. Permissions Slips are needed if you have not already filled one out for the 2013-2014 year.

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 wreathes (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).

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**.