

Welcome to a church where everyone matters and everyone belongs.

Prelude

Welcome

Stewardship Moment

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

Light of Christ

*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.

*Call to Worship/Prayer

Pat Aldrich

Leader: For just this hour

People: Jesus says, "Follow me.

Leader: Listen to my word **People: and follow me.**

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple every day

People: and follow me."

Leader: Come, let us worship God and pray ...

God of the seas, sky, and land, when Jonah turned to run from you, you showed him that nothing and no one could hide from your presence. You are in all things, and you love all things. Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world, in the name of the one who carried your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #390 "Lord of Our Highest Love!"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion.

Invitation

Prayer of Blessing/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.

We Remember/Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Served in the pew; gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. We will receive the elements when all are served.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen.

Scripture Jonah 1:1-15

Sermon Rev. Robin Bird

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Rev. Joanne Myer

Call to Offering

Offertory "For All the Saints" V. Williams/arr. Ley

Soloists – Tom Sweet, Halene Fujimoto, Kurt Dembeck *Leanne Connolly, Minister of Music* *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 #479 "We Have Heard a Joyful Sound"

*Benediction

Postlude "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional

*All who are able are invited to stand.

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

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

"God So Loved the World"

Stainer/Whitsett

"Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth"

Mendelssohn/Kendall

"Come, Come, Ye Saints"

White/Smith

Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education. Reminder...Sunday

School ends at 11:15 AM.

Deacons assisting with Communion: Elly Swan (in charge), Phyllis Chase,

Bill Duncan, Cheryl Purnell, Hannah Ramsdell, Emily Hampton

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Bob Mooers, Gerry Dyar's half-brother, recently diagnosed with lung cancer; the family and friends of Bill Reid, a longtime member of Vernon Chorale and good friend who died on October 21; Sara Levy, Ron Burr's daughter, dealing with medical issues; Julie, friend of the Turner family, dealing with difficulties; Geraldine Strong; Tim Madigan; Lorraine Grork, Pam Lyons' friend; Pat Lazeren; Shirley McElroy; Helen Dyar; 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; Daniel Burnett-Pollack; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Michael Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

New additions in **bold** print

Today after Worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall

<u>Coffee & Conversation</u> ...understanding our church budget hosted by the Boards of Christian Education and Music.

Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving, sponsored by the Board of Missions. Once again, we are asking people to provide a turkey and other related Thanksgiving dinner items for local families in need. Those who wish to participate may sign-up TODAY (lists of suggested items to include will be available). Donations will be collected next Sunday, November 13 from 11:30 AM until 1 PM and will be delivered to Hockanum Valley Community Council for distribution in time for Thanksgiving. We will also happily accept gift cards for local grocery stores which will be used by the HVCC staff to purchase meals for families. (Remember, you can purchase gift cards at the Scrip-Your-All table, which will also benefit FCCV). Additional turkeys are also welcome! HVCC is also looking for volunteers to help through the holiday season. Email Carrie at volunteerhvcc@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Today's Activities

"Your Golden Ticket to Help Support FCCV's Vision for Another 50

<u>Years</u>" is our 2017 Stewardship Campaign theme. <u>To help defray</u> expenses, please pick up your Giving Packet in the Narthex prior to the <u>service or downstairs during Coffee Hour</u>. Giving Sunday is November 20.

Blessing of the Animals: Our brief ceremony will start after church around 11:45 AM or when the majority of the animals are present.

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

<u>Pairs and Spares</u>: Willimantic Orchestra Concert, today at 3 PM at ECSU Fine Arts Center. If interested, stop by the Scrip-Your-All table. (Either meet us there or arrange to carpool from church).

This Week's Activities

<u>Bible Study</u>: Monday, November 7, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 AM at Vernon Diner

December CARILLON Deadline Tuesday, November 8

<u>Prayer Shawl</u>: Tuesday, November 8, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall <u>Deacons</u>: Tuesday, November 8, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall <u>Board of Music</u>: Wednesday, November 9, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall <u>Theology on Tap</u>: Thursday, November 10, 6 PM at Mitchell's Restaurant <u>Sanc. Choir Rehearsal</u>: Thursday, November 10, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall <u>Grief Support Group</u>: Friday, November 11, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall <u>Board of Missions</u>: Saturday, November 12, 10 AM, Kellogg Hall

Paint-Sip-Fun! Saturday, November 12 from 5-7 PM - a fundraiser for our J*Walkrz Jr. Cost - \$35. Kids and adults may participate (parent and child can share a painting). Invite your friends. There will be two painting choices within the same theme to choose from.

<u>Please Note</u>: During the month of November, our Sunday School kids will be collecting "Pennies for Peace" to help this wonderful organization build and fill schools in the mountains and hard to reach places of the Middle East. Please ask a child if you can help. Thank you!

Open & Affirming Update: We had our first Cottage Meeting last Sunday and four more are scheduled. If you wish to join one of these meetings, please see an ONA Committee member. Also, if you are concerned or have a personal question about ONA and don't feel comfortable bringing it up at one of the meetings, feel free to drop a note in the Deacons' mailbox (opposite the church office). An ONA Committee member will contact you. Committee members are Cathy Foote, Halene Fujimoto, Kathleen Gallo, Debi Hockenberry, Greg Mias, Andy Myer, and Patty Noblet.

Heartsaver CPR/AED classes at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West Road, Vernon on the following dates: November 15, 6:30-9:30 PM and December 14, 6:30-9:30 PM. We have an AED in our church and it's our responsibility to make sure that members in the congregation are trained in its usage. The cost for the class is \$25 (the Parish Nurses will help with some of the cost.). To register, email learncpr@yahoo.com or contact Delythe Kracke at (860) 872-3004 or delythek@yahoo.com.

<u>Child Care is available</u> 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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