
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

From: News from FCCV (lists@firstchurchofvernon.org)

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Family and Friends of FCCV,

We are half way through our Lenten Season and we are getting closer and closer to the journey Jesus will make into Jerusalem. I hope during this season, you are finding the time to have some quiet moments and reflect on Jesus' ministry and teachings. Jesus says, "If you have really known me, you will also know the Father" ... and ... "Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me." As you get to know Jesus, you are getting to know God. I can't think of a better thing to do than to get to know God more!



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his Sunday is Scout Sunday and we will be giving a "shout out" to all our scouts. FCCV has been a host to Troop 86 for 51 years. 51 years! What an accomplishment! It is always a wonderful sight to see young people in their uniforms during morning worship. The pride of scouting, and the commitment to scouting, is evident. Help us celebrate our scouts this Sunday.

Our scripture text will be from Luke 16:19-31. It is a story of a rich man who, time after time, ignored a poor man named Lazarus who begged at this gate. At the time of their deaths, the rich man was "tormented in the place of the dead," while the beggar, Lazarus, was carried by angels to Abraham's side. Circumstances changed. Lazarus is now in a "heavenly" place, while the rich man becomes the beggar and pleads with Abraham to allow him to cross over to where Lazarus is. Was he allowed to cross over? Did Abraham have mercy on the rich man? Come and hear the word and how it applies to our lives today.

Come experience God with us!

Grace be to y'all,
Robin

Prelude to the Preludes

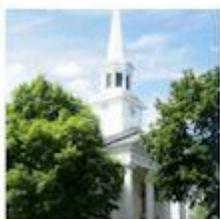
The hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" comes from the German "Jesu, meine Freude," a hymn of personal devotion. Contrary to what we might expect, the joy (Freude) and heart's desire it expresses is in a somber C-minor melody--a very Lenten mood of penitent longing. I'll play both an 18th century setting as well as J.S. Bach's chorale prelude.



Next we'll hear two arias from Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah": "If With All Your Hearts" and "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth." The parable of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus is the subject of the final prelude: "Poor Man Lazarus," a spiritual arranged by Jester Hairston. Its refrain comes from the point of view of the rich man lying in sheol after his death and asking Lazarus in heaven to "dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue 'cause I'm tormented in the flame." Somewhat ironically, though, this piece is a sprightly tune in G-major! -- James

Reminder....

Chicken Marsala Dinner tonight from 5-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Dinner includes noodles, green beans, wacky cake and beverage. Cost: adults \$12; kids \$6



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