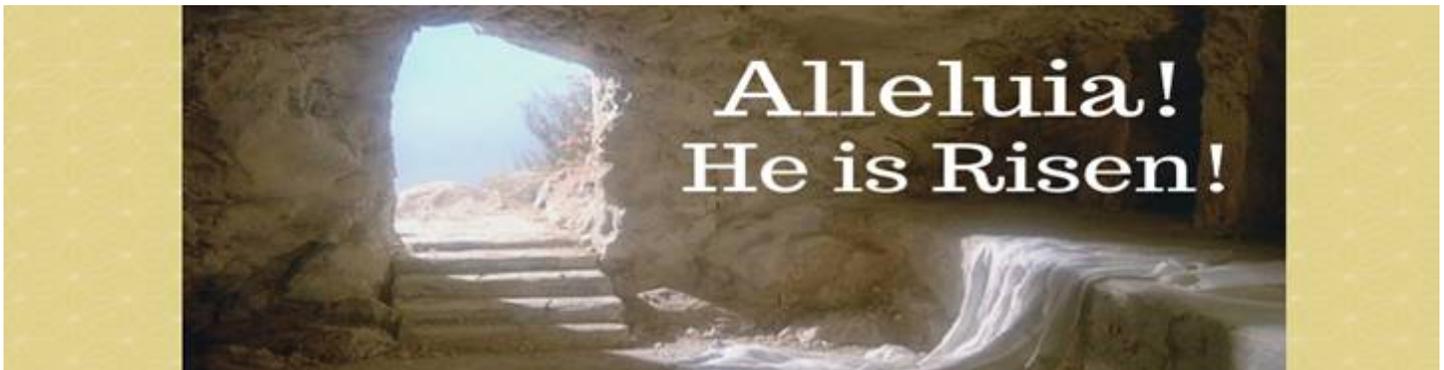

Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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

To:

Date: Friday, April 14, 2017 2:55 PM

Family and Friends of FCCV,



He is risen, indeed!

Over the past 6 weeks, we have been on a Lenten journey catching glimpses of Jesus – his interactions, his healings, his power, his compassion, and his grace - according to the gospel of Luke. Finally, the day is here when we hear about the love of God, through Jesus. God came as flesh, walked among those who were fortunate enough to encounter him, died on a cross ... and then fulfilled God's promises and rose from the dead! All for love ... all for us! What a day to celebrate ... Easter Sunday!

We will be celebrating this wonderful day of hope and love at 2 services. Our first service will be in our beautiful Memorial Garden. We will meet at 6 AM and witness the sunrise as we ponder what happened early that morning when the women went to the tomb with their spices ... but found the tomb empty! And then at 10 AM, we will lift our voices and lift our hearts as we pray, laugh, hear scripture, and sing ... with much joy and much conviction, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today ... Alleluia, Alleluia"!

Come and experience the Risen Christ in our midst on this glorious day of celebration!

In Christ,
Robin

In 1850, Alfred, Lord Tennyson published his New Year's poem "Ring Out, Wild Bells" which has inspired numerous musical settings. I found an organ transcription by Jane Lorenz of Charles Gounod's setting for voice and piano and to this I added a part for handbells. So, as the penultimate prelude our Joyful Noise handbell choir will perform with me this arrangement whose title comes from the poem's last line: "Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be."



The bell ringers will also bring us an arrangement of the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" as an offertory anthem. Finally, for the postlude I'll be accompanying myself in a rousing piano-organ duet version of "Come, Thou Almighty King." Do come and partake of our joyful Easter celebration! --James

TPC Potluck Dinner and Celebration: Saturday, April 22, 6 PM in Fellowship Hall and Sunday, April 23 during the worship service. Join us as we celebrate 21 years as a Teaching Parish. Visit with our past students and our newest student at the potluck. **Please sign up for the potluck on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.** Check out the display on the Communion Table of pictures, our award and the symbols, provided by the students, which represent their time with us.



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