

Subject: Pastor's Weekly email

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

To:

Date: Friday, November 11, 2016 1:30 PM

Family and Friends of FCCV,



This past week has been a very emotional time for America. Some of you are reveling in the “thrill of victory” because your presidential candidate won, while others of you are devastated by the “agony of defeat” because your presidential candidate lost. In whichever category you fit, I wish to share with you these words in Ephesians from the Apostle Paul: “I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.” Let us, as a community of faith, be united in our love for God and for one another!

The text for Sunday is found in Isaiah, chapter 6. A human king has died, but Isaiah finds himself face-to-face with the divine King - “I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple.” Come and hear what heavenly interactions happened between Isaiah and God, and how this message is so important for our church today!

Let us enter God’s gates with thanksgiving in our hearts, and God’s courts with praise!



Today is Veteran’s Day! I want to say “thank you” to all of our women and men who have served in the Armed Forces. I appreciate your dedication and service to our country! FCCV will continue to hold you and your families in our prayers.

Grace be to y’all,
Robin



Prelude to the Preludes

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" is what the seraphim called out in the prophet Isaiah's vision. I'll be rounding out my preludes with Jane Lorenz's arrangement of the well-known hymn tune by John Dykes which he wrote to set the poem "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Reginald Heber (a bishop of Calcutta). Later in Isaiah's vision he hears the Lord ask: "Whom shall I send?" and responds "Here am I, send me." So I'm also playing "Here I am, Lord" by Daniel Schutte.

A couple other hymns appropriate to the prophet's vision are "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" by Georg Neumark and "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" which continues: "Praise Him, angels, in the height." This latter hymn is embellished by Gordon Young in his "Tocatta and Variation on 'Hyfrydol,'" this week's postlude. I'll also play another famous hymn based on Heber's poetry called "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."
--James

Reminders....

During Coffee Hour this Sunday, order homemade **Thanksgiving Pies**, baked by Women's Fellowship. Cost is \$10. Pies (frozen) will be available for pick-up during Coffee Hour next Sunday, November 20.

The Board of Missions will be collecting **Thanksgiving food donations** for the HVCC food pantry this **Sunday** from 11:15 AM – 1 PM in the parking lot (Center Road side). Didn't sign up? No problem – we will happily take any donations. You can run to the store or, even easier, purchase a gift card to a local grocery store from the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour. All donations are gratefully accepted. Give thanks by sharing. Help local families have a happy Thanksgiving!

Some **items** from the **Holiday Fair** are still available for purchase. Check out the table in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.



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