

# First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC

~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ EPIPHANY SIX



*The LORD watches  
over the way of  
the righteous.*

Psalm 1:6, NRSV

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *“Jesus makes it clear that the way to God is the same as the way to a new childhood. The innocence that is reached through conscious choices. The Beatitudes offer me the simplest route for the journey home, back into the house of my Father. And along this route I will discover the joys of the second childhood: comfort, mercy, and an ever clearer vision of God. It's a place where I can live in freedom without obsessions and compulsions.”*

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming

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**PRELUDE**     *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Joanie Brown

**WELCOME**

Pastor Jane

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL**

Deb and Debbie

**One:** What is our church's mission?

**Many:** To embody God's powerful love...

- welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,
- weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,
- working, praising and playing in our towns and world.

**OPENING HYMN** *Chalice # 707 Marching to Zion*

*1 Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.*

*[Refrain:] We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.*

*2 Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad.  
[Refrain]*

*3 The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]*

*4 Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's  
ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's  
ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Like trees planted by streams of water.

**PEOPLE:** *Let us trust in the Lord.*

**LEADER:** We listen and meditate on God's word.

**PEOPLE:** *So we can yield good and bountiful fruit.*

**LEADER:** Here we are Lord, ready to trust, as we worship together.

**INVOCATION**

Debbie Pratt

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP (HFLC) # 252 O Soul, Are You Weary and Troubled?**    Alternative Name    *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
and life more abundant and free!*

**Refrain:** *Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.*

*Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion  
for more than conqu'rors we are! [Refrain]*

*His Word shall not fail you—  
He promised; believe Him,  
and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! [Refrain]*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. 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. Amen.*

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE****SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Joanie Brown

**HEBREW READING JEREMIAH 17:5-10**

## RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 1 The way of the righteous

**LEADER:** Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

**PEOPLE:** *but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.*

**LEADER:** They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**PEOPLE:** *The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

**LEADER:** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

## GOSPEL READING LUKE 6:17-26

**SERMONIC HYMN # (HFLC) 304** *There Is a Name I Love to Hear*

*There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in mine ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.*

**Refrain** *Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea. **Refrain***

*It tells me what my Father hath,  
In store for every day,  
And though I tread a darksome path,  
Yields sunshine all the way. **Refrain***

*It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below. **Refrain***

**SERMON** Do We Listen to What Jesus Says?

Pastor Jane

**OFFERING**

**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.*

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**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CLOSING HYMN** *Majesty*



{Verse}

*Majesty, worship His Majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise!  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne, unto His own  
His anthem raise!*

{Chorus}

*So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!  
Magnify, come glorify,  
Christ Jesus the King.*

{Chorus}

*Majesty, worship His Majesty;  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings!*

**BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE** *Behind Us Together*

Joanie Brown

*Our thanks to everyone who helped with the worship this morning*

***Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service***

**PRAYER LIST** Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them.

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS:** Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, Patty Stannard, Chelsea, C.J. ; Rev. Melanie Combs, Dave Mallory, Connie Manukka, Judy Sheldon, Carlene Kasuba.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Our church's mission is to embody God's powerful love. How are we doing this as church Trustees? This is a great question that has been put before our committee recently. We meet monthly to review how the resources we have been gifted with are used to move our community and congregation forward in love. We know our responsibility is to pay the bills and take care of the building so our congregation and the greater community can take advantage of what the church offers. We are doing our best to listen to all feedback and communicate information we believe will move the church forward. This means reaching out to a generation of unchurched people. We are reminded always that the church is the people, and it is our call to reach the unchurched and share the love of our Creator with all people from all walks of life. Please come to an informational meeting on February 16th immediately after church services. It is in conjunction with our Souper Lunch. The trustees will share information concerning removing the pews from the sanctuary before installing the new carpet. Our plan moving forward is to warn a vote in the following three weeks and vote on March 9th on whether to remove the pews in the sanctuary. We pray that everyone joins us with open minds and hearts so we can learn from each other and peacefully move forward in love.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Trustees – Celia, Matt, Ann, Lynn, and Dave

**Rejoice** in that day,



and **leap for joy,**

**for behold, your reward is great in heaven.**

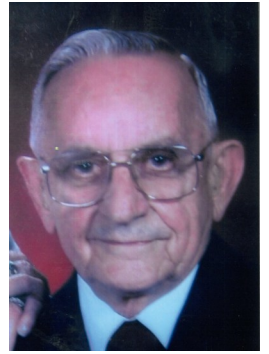


**Luke 6:23, ESV**



## TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE QUEEN SIZE QUILT, 85" X 89"

A beautiful quilt made by Clem Levesque, age 91, is hanging in Reed Chapel. Clem donated this quilt to help with fund raising for the organ. **Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.** (Sorry for the error in ticket price last week) The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday at the church.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

A WINTER GATHERING OF OUR CHURCHES

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

**10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

AT THE  
UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET  
AND EAST RUPERT

**THEME:**

**This is My Story, This is Our Song**

*Lunch will be provided*

**REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Jane LoBrutto at [jane@dorsetchurch.org](mailto:jane@dorsetchurch.org)

or call 802-867-2260

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER  
(FOR EASE OF FOOD PREPARATION)  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at [janechurchlady@gmail.com](mailto:janechurchlady@gmail.com)

To schedule time with a Deacon either in-person or zoom, please contact Eileen via email to be placed on their calendar. [Eileen@fhucc.org](mailto:Eileen@fhucc.org)

**Prayer Circle:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

Karen Festa 802-287-2405  
 Maryann Charron 802-468-3207  
 Karyn Jockell 802-278-8058  
 Lana Petty 802-353-0485

## WE TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

### Trouble with Stairs?

A Handicap RAMP is available on the Caernarvon Street side of Church! You MAY park on the church side of Caernarvon Street during church events.

A handicapped accessible bathroom is available on the main floor of the church.

**Parking.** Please save spaces near the front of the church for those who have difficulty walking. One handicapped space is available on Caernarvan St. near the ramp.

Pastor Jane LoBrutto [janechurchlady@gmail.com](mailto:janechurchlady@gmail.com) 802-430-3636

Church Administrator: Eileen Hurlburt [eileen@fhucc.org](mailto:eileen@fhucc.org)

Debbie Pratt - Lead Deacon

Sharon Pinsonnault & Joan Brown Organist/Pianist

Andrew Donahue and Ron Stack – Social Media

*Thank you for coming to worship with us!*

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