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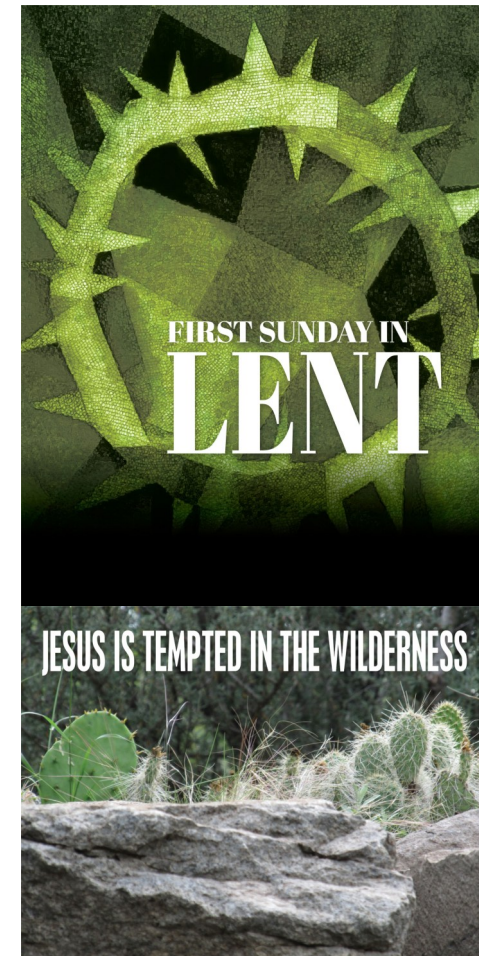
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## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN ~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ~



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."* —Pope Benedict XVI



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~ FEBRUARY 22 2026 ~ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ~

PRELUDE *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

RECOGNIZING GRANT WRITER, CARRIE BECKER

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 (CH) # 546 *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.*



## BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

### CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

### POSTLUDE *Make Me A Servant*

Joanie Brown

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

*Thank you for coming to worship with us!*

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST :** Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Munukka, Carlene Kasuba, Dorothy Stack, Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Tina and Curtis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastoral Relations Committee** will meet today after worship

**SIX WEEK LENTEN BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM** We have purchased 12 copies of *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Cron. We plan on having a ZOOM study on **Tuesday evenings, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 –8:00 PM.** Used Books are \$6.50 each.

**Council (By-Law) Committee Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 1st after worship.

**Deacons** will meet on Sunday, March 8th after worship.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by Spirit into the wilderness.

**People:** *As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.*

**Leader:** In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**People:** *As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.*

**Leader:** Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People:** *As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord, our God.*

**Leader:** Come, let us worship our Lord and God with gratitude.

## PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

**ALL:** *Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.*

## WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

## INVOCATION

### PRAISE & WORSHIP (Maranatha Praise) # 174 See Ye First

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

## 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.*

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11  
Lisa Fenwick

## SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 180 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend,  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
in you to conquer sin.*

*And thro' these days of penitence,  
and thro' your Passiontide,  
forevermore, in life and death,  
O Christ, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that through this life  
of doubts and hope and pain,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may at last attain!*

**SERMON** Temptation

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.*

## DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 561 It is Well With My Soul

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Refrain** *It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain***

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**  
May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul. **Refrain***

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