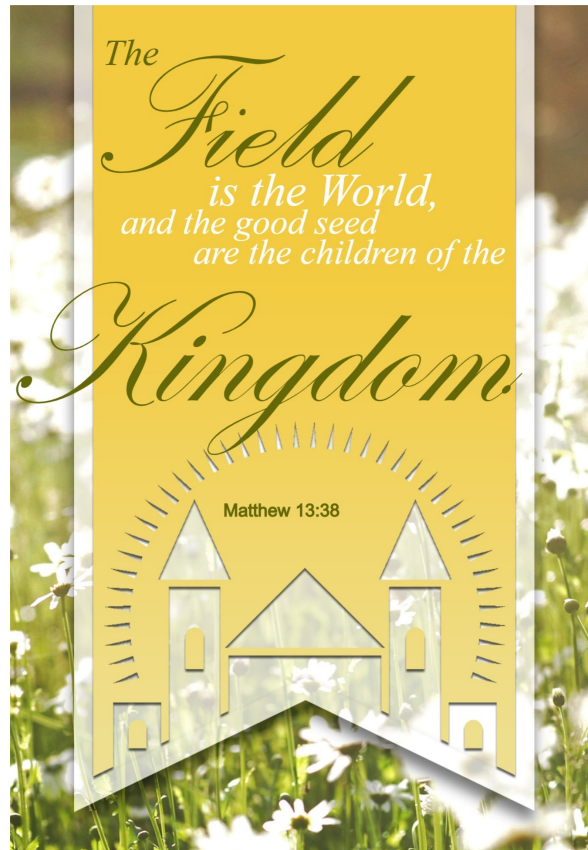


If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

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

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ JULY 12, 2026 ~ PROPER 10~



Sower at Sunset

Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

"The sower on the land represents the sower of God's word."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things."* — Vincent Van Gogh



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~ July 12, 2026 ~ PROPER TEN

PRELUDE *My Lord and I*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

Ann & Lyman

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) # 284 Gather Us In

*Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of
this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human
race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the
earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion*

*Not just in buildings small and confining, not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in, and hold us forever; gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH.
11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2026** All are welcome, invite a
neighbor and friend. Let's get to know each other better. Let's share our
abundance and make new friends.

TRUSTEES will meet on **Sunday, July 19, 2026** after worship



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 We will have our Annual All Church
Picnic at the Pavilion at Chrystal Beach. We'll provide the
hamburgers, hotdogs and lemonade. Please bring the sides and
desserts.

WE HOPE EVERYONE ATTENDS — BRING A FRIEND

WE'LL HEAD TO THE LAKE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



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 *In the Garden*

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, Jessica Smith, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole,
Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement,
Maggie & Jeremy Ashton, Gretchen Lima, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy
Hurst, Andrew and Francis Donovan, Phil Smith.



The Sower III (version 2) Vincent van Gogh 1888

Vincent was obsessed with the image of the sower, returning to it time and again...as the sower, with the sun forming a halo behind his head, bends to his holy task...and just as the tree sharply divides the canvas, so the seed will fall into either good or bad soil, to live and bear fruit, or to die.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God who gathers us together, we delight to be in community with you and one another.

People: *Let your word be proclaimed in truth.*

Leader: Let us burst into songs that reflect the depths of our spirits.

People: *May our prayers be formed in your name and granted by your wisdom.*

Leader: May we know you, Divine Mystery, and ourselves better and deeper.

People: *We have entered your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in your kingdom.*

Leader: Let us listen to the words of our God as we worship and praise this day. Amen.

INVOCATION

Ron Stack

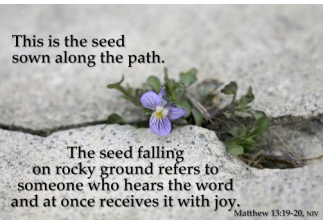
PRAISE & WORSHIP Maranatha Praise # 124 Servant of All

Verse *If you wanna be great in God s Kingdom Learn to be the servant of all
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Bridge *Learn to be the servant of all Learn to be the servant of all
If you wanna be great in God s Kingdom Learn to be the servant of all*

Verse *If you wanna be great in God's Kingdom Learn to be the servant of all
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Outro *If you wanna be great in God's Kingdom Learn to be the servant of all
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This is the seed sown along the path.

The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.
Matthew 13:19-20, NIV

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Judy Sheldon

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 695 *God of the Fertile Fields*

*God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread,
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all, in ev'ry land, be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care,
for people everywhere, that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
your reign yet grows.*

*So let our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside,
dear to our Lord who died
to make us one;
we pledge our lives anew,
in faithful love to you;
guide all we say and do, till life is done.*

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) # 439 *God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyous sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.*

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