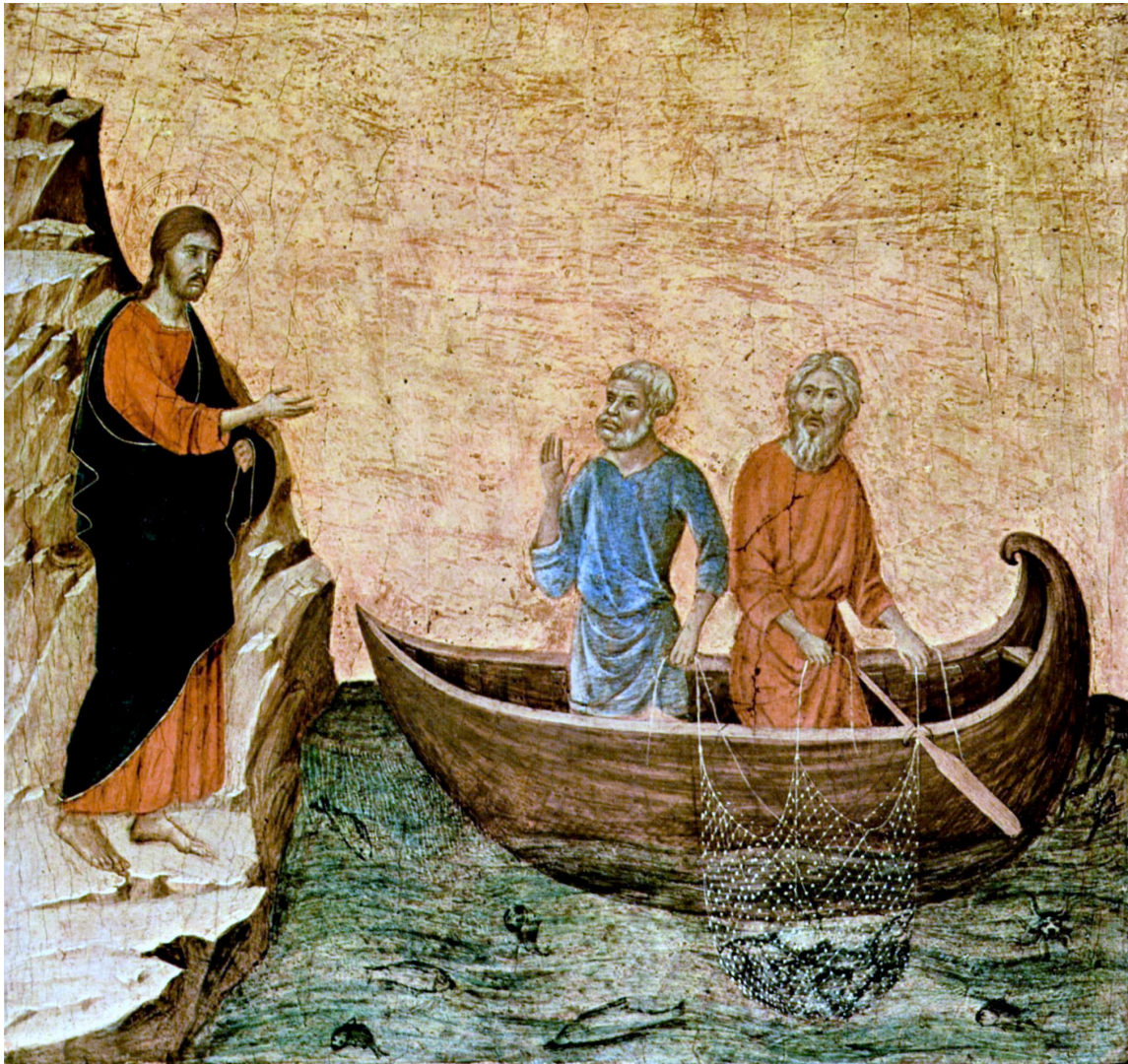


First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC

~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~ EPIPHANY FIVE



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Since making disciples is the main task of the church, every church ought to be able to answer two questions: What is our plan for making disciples? Is our plan working”* -Dallas Willard

~ FEBRUARY 9, 2025 ~EPIPHANY FIVE~

PRELUDE *The Lord's Prayer*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME

Pastor Jane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL

Deb and Lynn

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 # 277 Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

*1 Christians, we have met to worship
and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power,
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.*

*2 Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Tell them all about the Savior,
how in Christ the lost are found.
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna
will be scattered all around.*

*3 Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven,
at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us
living manna all around.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

PEOPLE: *We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: In the name of Christ, we accept the invitation to discipleship.

PEOPLE: *In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God.*

LEADER: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds, we proclaim the God of Compassion.

PEOPLE: *In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of Hope.*

LEADER: In the midst of indifference and apathy, we proclaim the God of Love.

ALL: *Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.*

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE AND WORSHIP *Reaching Out*



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

Kate Hill

EPISTLE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 138 THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

LEADER: I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; I sing praise to you before the gods.

PEOPLE: I face your holy Temple, bow down, and praise your name because of your constant love and faithfulness, because you have shown that your name and your commands are supreme.

LEADER: You answered me when I called to you; with your strength you strengthened me.

PEOPLE: *All the kings in the world will praise you, LORD, because they have heard your promises.*

LEADER: They will sing about what you have done and about your great glory.

PEOPLE: Even though you are so high above, you care for the lowly, and the proud cannot hide from you.

LEADER: When I am surrounded by troubles, you keep me safe. You oppose my angry enemies and save me by your power.

ALL: You will do everything you have promised; LORD, your love is eternal. Complete the work that you have begun.

GOSPEL READING LUKE 5:1-11

HYMN *Chalice # 346 Where He Leads Me*

*1 I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."*

Refrain: *Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow—
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

*2 I will go with him through judgment,
I will go with him through judgment,
I will go with him through judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. [Refrain]*

*3 He will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way. [Refrain]*

SERMON We Are Disciples and We're Going Fishing!

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 *Chalice # 337 Jesus Call us O'er the Tumult*

*1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me";*

*2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.*

*3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *Shine Jesus Shine*

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. ; Andrea Brown, Rev. Melanie Combs, Dave Mallory, Connie Mannuka, Judy Sheldon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERESTED IN HAVING A SOUPER LUNCH? Even though Super Bowl Sunday will be over—we think it's time for our congregation to get together for lunch. Let's set the date for **Sunday, February 16th** after worship. Do you have a super soup recipe? Sign up on the clip board in Reed Chapel. Not a cook—sign up to bring a loaf of crusty bread, cheese and crackers, dessert...whatever you would like to share for lunch. A free will offering will be accepted for our Organ Fund.

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



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 \$10. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday at the church.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"And now I commend you to the care of God and to the message of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you the blessings God has for all his people." Acts 20:32

Paul said these words to the people of Ephesus to remind them that God will always be there for them. It's a reminder that as disciples we can and should go forward tending to others in our community. But not all disciples can do the physical work or have the financial resources that are required to help those in our community.

However, anyone can do a prayer walk! Let's do it together.

Listen to the spirit

Walk slowly and observe

Keep your heart and eyes open

Pray for houses as you go by, both for the people in the house and that our church's efforts will reach each house

Pray for issues you know are important in our community

The most important thing is to simply walk and let God work on your heart.



If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at jane-churchlady@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

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 802-430-3636

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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!



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

or call 802-867-2260

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

