

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 586 Open My Eyes that I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SERMON “Good Neighbors”

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OFFERING

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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

Rev. Kathy Clark

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CLOSING HYMN Chalice # 261 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it’s the presence of the Lord.

Chorus

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we know that we’ll have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE Pass It On

Joanie Brown

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

First Congregational Church of Fair Haven
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~
~July 13, 2025 ~ Proper Ten~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY “All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we’re giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That’s one of the things that connects us as neighbors – in our own way, each of us is a giver and a receiver.” – Fred Rogers



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PRELUDE *Beautiful Isle of Somewhere*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Pratt

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

Kate Hill & Debbie Bethel

One: What is our church's mission?

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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) # 2 vs. 1, 2 & 3 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Once upon a time, a wise man offered a challenge; "What is the greatest commandment?" The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness: bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

PEOPLE: *Love the Lord your God.*

LEADER: The cameras of our memories share what commands us: children to bathe and partners to help, parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

PEOPLE: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

LEADER: Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities: open spaces to experience wonder, strangers becoming friends, devotion to that which transcends.

PEOPLE: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.*

INVOCATION

Steve Fredette

UNISON PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *God, we want to measure up to your hopes for us. Open our eyes to see the places in our world where our compassion can help. Give us loving hearts that we might reach out to our neighbors when they are in need. Grant us the courage to take risks for the sake of your kingdom. Help us to live lives that are worthy of you. Amen.*

WORDS OF GRACE

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PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* Mr. Rogers Theme Song

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 LESSON Luke 10:25-37

Mary Ann Charron