

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY will begin this morning

SUPPER and THE CHOSEN will be held on **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 PM.** We hope you will join us for this fun evening in our new “living room”!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.**

PET BLESSING will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM** in front of the church.

**WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH.**

**CHANGE OF DATE OCTOBER 22, 2025**

Want to play a board game, do a jigsaw puzzle, sew something new, knit, crochet, play a game of cards, and of course, enjoy a **FREE LUNCH**. Come anytime from 11 AM – 2 PM on **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2025**. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**HOLD THE DATE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026  
2:00 PM**

*A special presentation by the  
Fair Haven Historical Society*



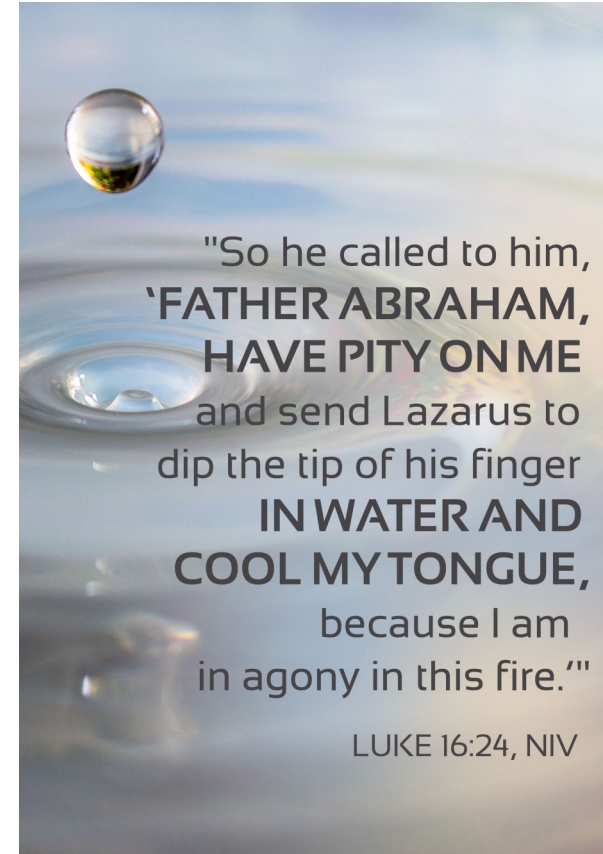
*Thank you for coming to worship with us!*



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~ September 28, 2025 ~ Proper 21 ~



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *"I think you will find when your death takes its toll, All the money you made will never buy back your soul."* – Bob Dylan



~ SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 ~ PROPER ~ TWENTYONE ~

**PRELUDE**      *Freely, Freely*

Joanie Brown

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Debbie Pratt

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

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) # 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]*

**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, C.J., Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Shawn and Becky; Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Dave & Joby Mallory.



**SERMON** “Whose Voice?” Rev. Kathy Clark

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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** Rev. Kathy Clark

**CLOSING HYMN** (CH) # 434 *God Be With you Till We Meet Again*  
*God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**(Chorus)**

*Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing round you. (Chorus)*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
Smite death's threatening wave before you.  
God be with you till we meet again. (Chorus)*

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

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

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Kathy Clark

**POSTLUDE** *This Is the Day* Joanie Brown

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Kathy Clark

**LEADER:** Rich or poor, in spirit or wealth; Healthy or ill, in body or soul;  
Satiated or hungry, in heart or mind;

**PEOPLE:** *We come to cool our tongues with the living water of  
Christ; We come to lay our world-weariness on the bosom of God;*

**LEADER:** We come having heard from the prophets; We come having  
learned from the Christ; We come believing he rose from the dead; We  
come convinced God is merciful to the repentant;

**PEOPLE:** *We come – believers, seekers, and the curious – Hoping to  
feel the warm welcoming of God, hoping to hear the words of hope,  
and be touched by love eternal. Amen.*

**INVOCATION** Debbie Pratt

**UNISON PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

**ALL:** *We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often  
we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted  
by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have noth-  
ing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the  
chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all  
which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith,  
the love, the gentleness you have for us.*

*Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the  
words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember  
how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that  
good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and  
forever.*

**WORDS OF GRACE** Rev. Kathy Clark

## **PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO** *Graves Into Gardens* Brandon Lake

*I searched the world But it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise And treasures that fade Are never enough*

*Then You came along And put me back together  
And every desire Is now satisfied Here in Your love (Hey)*

*Oh, there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing Nothing is better than You (Oh, yes I know it's true)*

*I'm not afraid To show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws Lord, You've seen 'em all And You still call me friend*

*'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place Your mercy and grace Won't find me again*

*Oh, there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing Nothing is better than You (I know it's true)*

*Oh, there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You  
Lord, there's nothing Nothing is better than You*

*You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can*

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*You turn graves into garden You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can  
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## **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**

**SCRIPTURES** Psalm 146, Luke 16:19-31 Joanie Brown

## **SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 480** *I Love to Tell the Story*

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

### **[Refrain]**

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story 'is pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.*

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **[Refrain]***

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **[Refrain]***