

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 5, 2026 ~ PROPER 9~



TODAY WE WELCOME



Confronted by Hope.

Living with Purpose.

Walking in Freedom.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"When I walked through the doors I felt God's love... God just started doing so much work and healing on me...that I could've never done alone!" Kelsey*



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~ July 5, 2026 ~ PROPER NINE

PRELUDE *God and the Nation* arr. John Scriveyner Sharon Pinsonnault

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) # 589 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart,) in my heart, (in-a my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

People: ***We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this morning after worship.

**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 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**



God Bless America!

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

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 721 My Country, 'Tis of Thee
*My country, ' tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.*
*My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.*
*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*
*Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.*

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 *Fanfare* Jean Joseph Mouret Sharon Pinsonnault

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.

Leader: We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.
People: ***We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.***
Leader: We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.
People: ***We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.***
Leader: Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.
All: ***We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.***

INVOCATION Lisa Fenwick

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 11:16-19, 25-30 Chris Sheldon

NEW ENGLAND ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE PRESENTATION

Welcome: Stephanie, Kristen, Melanie, Elizabeth,
Irene (staff), and Angela (staff)

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Deacons Lisa and Mary Ann

INVITATION

One: Come, all who hunger.

All: *Come all who thirst.*

One: Come no matter what’s needed because everyone needs some
thing and everyone needs someone.

All: *At this table, we are included and room is ever being made to
include more. More love, more understanding, more food,
more drink, more community, and more good and goodness.*

One: Your invitation is eternal for this table belongs to God. We don’t get
to decide who we sit next to, but we do get to decide to enjoy who-
ever is seated.

All: *So come to the table, where strangers become friends, friends
become family, and family keeps expanding.*

One: Come as you are and leave better than how you came.

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: In the beginning, the earth was formed. It was the first table that all
creations were invited to. This table has gone through several iterations
and holds steady. Jesus was at this table at some point in history. He
lived, he taught, he was put to death, and then he resurrected. In doing
all these things, he taught us a new way to look at tables and how to set
them inclusively.

*All: He showed us that we are included in the heart and mind of God
always and he taught us how to include those we might be inclined to
label as “other”. For these reasons among many others, we give
thanks for this meal.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: We remember that night during the Passover Jesus had his last meal
at a table, with those closest to him. There, they shared their love of God
and Jesus and of each other. In the midst of love, Jesus gave thanks and
broke the bread and said, something like this, “Take and eat this gift from
the earth and from the human hands that prepared it and know that God
gives it to you, a blessing for your body and your spirit.” Later, Jesus took a
cup and after blessing it said something like this, “Drink this fruit of the vine,
the gift of the sun and labor in the fields. Taste and know the goodness of
God.”

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

*All: Come Holy Spirit. Bless this bread and cup and bless each of us.
May these elements transform us. May they inspire and give us
courage to follow the way of Jesus, which is ever inclusive and
expanding.*

One: Come, for our table is ready, let’s eat this bread & drink this cup
together.

COMMUNION VIDEO *Hymn for Communion* Michael W. Smith

GIVING THANKS

One: Let us give thanks.

*ALL: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in
this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world
cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of
creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Together we trust in this moment of transformation which is made
possible by You. Give us the strength to continue on the journey and
to set tables that are welcoming and ever expanding.*