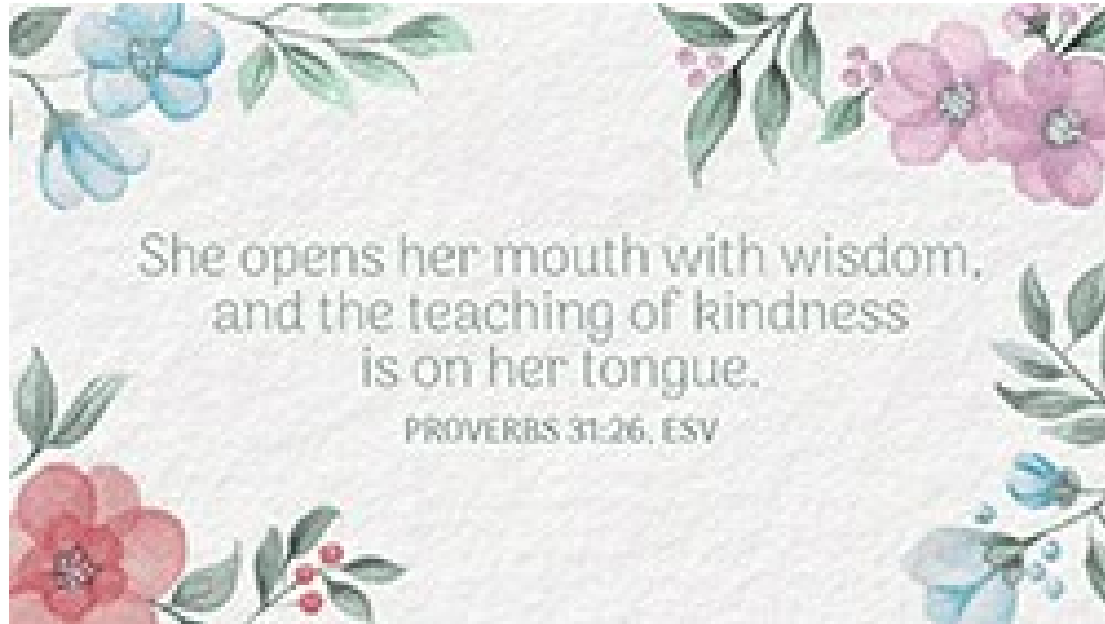




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ MAY 10, 2026 ~

~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MOTHER'S DAY~



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:

Karen Festa	802-683-1896
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Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058
Lana Petty	802-353-0485

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Successful mothers are not the ones who have never struggled. They are the ones who never give up, despite their struggles."* — Sharon Jaynes



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PRELUDE *She Will Be Called Blessed*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

Ann Bucci & Lyman Jerome

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) # 2 *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.*

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 Ashton, Gretchen Lima.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS This morning **from 11 am to 1 pm**, there will be a display of beautiful artificial flowers set up outside in front of the church. The flowers are free to anyone who can use them. They would work well for decorations in your home or for cemetery memorials. Please stop by and pick up some flowers. Our thanks to the Paolino Family for their generous contribution

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 All are welcome, invite a neighbor and friend. Let's get to know each other better. Eastertide and Spring is a time of new life. Let's share our abundance and make new friends.

FAIR HAVEN SPRING FLING will be **Saturday May 23, 2026 9:00 am** until sold out. Deacons will once again set up outside the church to sell cinnamon rolls for \$5 each. Want to bake? We could use your help. Please talk to Debbie Pratt

ECUMENICAL PENTECOST PICNIC IN THE PARK—SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
Join us as we bring back an old tradition. The "God Squad" will begin the walk from Our Lady of Seven Dolours at **1:00PM**, meeting parishioners at the different churches as we walk to St. Luke's, The Baptist Church, The Methodist Church and ending at our church to follow the Holy Spirit throughout the park. We ask that everyone bring a dish to share, we will have hot dogs and lemonade to accompany your treats.

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

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

Make Me a Servant

Joanie Brown

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

*Mortals, join the happy chorus;
stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

Leader: The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

Leader: The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

People: God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Leader: Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

People: We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story.

Leader: Come, let us worship and praise our God together.

INVOCATION

Steve Fredette

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *Bind Us Together*

*Bind us together, Lord Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord Bind us together
Bind us together with Love*

*There is only one God, There is only one King
There is only one Body, That is why we sing.*

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *Gracious and Eternal One, we proclaim that you breathe life into us and know us fully. Yet, sometimes, you remain unknown to us.*

Sometimes we search for you and sometimes we fumble about for you. We rest in the assurance that when we seek you, we will find you. But, there are times when we refuse to seek, refuse to search, refuse to fumble. There are times when we rather keep you in compartments so that you will not fully impact our lives. There are moments when we close ourselves off from your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit. Forgive us, O God, for not coming to you as you come to us—fully, persistently, and constantly—and give us strength to fumble and reach toward you in all seasons and at all times. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

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 LESSONS Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21

John Fenwick

SERMONIC HYMN *Faith Of Our Mothers*

*Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

SERMON I will not leave you orphaned

Pastor Jane

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) # 517 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.*