



First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC

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Tuesday, September 15, 2026
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What shall I return to the

LORD

for all his bounty to me?

PSALM 116:12, NRSV



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
AT
9:00 AM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ AUGUST 30, 2026 ~
~ PROPER 17 ~ STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ~

Take off

your sandals,

for the

place

where

you are

standing is

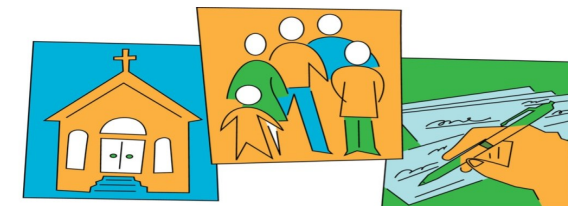
holy ground.

Exodus 3:5



"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24, NRSV



Stewardship Sunday

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give."* -Steve Goodier



~ AUGUST 30, 2026 ~ PROPER SEVENTEEN ~

PRELUDE *A Song of Peace* Franklin Ritter Sharon Pinsonneault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF BELL Lynn L. & Mary Ann
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) # 666 *The Voice of God Is Calling*

*The voice of God is calling to women and to men;
the voice once heard in Zion, resounds on earth again:
whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?*

*I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?
We heed, O God, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour,
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us
to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

People: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

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, Jennifer Clement, Maggie & Jeremy Ashton,
Gretchen Lima, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy Hurst, Andrew and Francis
Donovan, Phil Smith, Madden Gero, Pam Wilson, Tanya Oshecheck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING will meet after worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING will be **Sunday, September 6** after worship.

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, September 16th, 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 MEETING will be held **Sunday, September 20th** after worship.

PET BLESSING will be held on **Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 AM** in
front of the church.

DEACONS MEETING will be held the **fourth Sunday, September 27** after
worship.

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
Maryann Charron	802-468-3207
Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058

Blessed
to Be a
Blessing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 717 *Let All Things Now Living*

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.*

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 *God Be With You* arr. Sarah Jarrell Sharon Pinsonneault

Leader: Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

People: **God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

Leader: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

People: **God, help us accept your call on our lives.**

Leader: God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Let us worship our God this day. Amen.

INVOCATION

Ron Stack

PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise # 152 *We Are an Offering*

*We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You We are an offering

Lord, use our voices Lord, use our hands
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You We give to You
We lift our voices We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering We are an offering

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Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service
Thank you for coming to worship with us!

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 Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28 Mary Ann Charron

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 663 Go Down, Moses

*When Israel was in Egypt's Land: let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.
No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go,
let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go. Refrain
The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go. Refrain
Then Miriam danced and sang her song, let my people go;
"Our God has triumphed over wrong!" let my people go. Refrain
O let us all from bondage flee, let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. Refrain*

STEWARDSHIP SERMON Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith Pastor Jane

OFFERING AND PLEDGING

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

RESPONSIVE LITANY AND DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

LEADER: From generation to generation, you are the Lord. For the faithful of the ages, we give you thanks and praise:

PEOPLE: *For the disciples and apostles of the early church, who, in Jesus' name, baptized and taught.*

LEADER: For the saints and martyrs of the medieval church, who gave their lives in Jesus' service.

PEOPLE: *For the scholars and theologians, who clung to Jesus' grace alone.*

LEADER: For the pilgrims and preachers of a young America, who lit fires of passion for a life in Jesus.

PEOPLE: *For the missionaries and activists of the modern church, who continue to work for justice in Jesus' name in every place on earth.*

LEADER: For the founders of this very church, whose faith laid the foundation for our ministry.

PEOPLE: *For our own work, worship and ministry; for the gifts we now give and the commitments we now make; that in Jesus' name we may shine with your light and love for all people.*

LEADER: As we look to a new fiscal year, we give thanks for the whole history of your church, and are grateful for the privilege of spreading the light and life of Jesus and His ministry.

ALL: *From generation to generation, you are the Lord, and we are your people! Thanks be to God!*

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