

*Take my voice, and let me sing;  
unto God my praise I bring.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.*

## 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

POSTLUDE *God Be With You* (arr. Sarah Jarrell) Sharon Pinsonnault

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

***Thank you for coming to worship with us!***

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First Congregational Church of Fair Haven  
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~  
~August 3, 2025 ~ Proper Thirteen~ Communion Sunday



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *"Don't compare yourself with other people; compare yourself with who you were yesterday."*

Jordan Peterson



~ AUGUST 3, 2025 ~ PROPER THIRTEEN~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

**PRELUDE**    *A Song of Peace (Franklin Ritter)*                      Sharon Pinsonnault

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**    Pastor Jane

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL**              John & Lisa  
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) # 86 verses 1 & 2 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

**Refrain:** *Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** So many things draw us away from God.

**PEOPLE:** ***We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.***

**LEADER:** We place our interest in temporal things.

**PEOPLE:** ***But Christ calls us to a higher level.***

**LEADER:** We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

**PEOPLE:** ***We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. Let us worship our God this day. Amen.***

**One:** Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

**All: May it be for all the Cup of Peace!**

**One:** Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

***All: We pray in the name of the Risen One, who is with us now, and to the end of the age!***

**SHARING BREAD AND CUP**

**PASTOR:** Come my sisters and brothers in Christ, the feast is ready, please come to the Table of Remembrance.

**COMMUNION VIDEO**    *Communion Song*



**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. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.*

**CLOSING HYMN**    *Chalice # 609 Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.*

*Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.*

SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy- Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**One:** And we remember that on the night he was handed over, while at supper with his friends, he gave us a pledge of love that does away with death.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat, all of you: This is my body, surrendered for you.

And when the supper was over, he took a cup filled with wine, gave thanks for it, and shared it with them, saying: Take and drink, all of you: This is the seal of a new covenant, my poured-out life.

I will drink this cup with you again at the table of God's joy in the New Day that is coming. Whenever you do these things, remember me.

REMEMBERING JESUS

**One:** And now, O God, we remember Jesus. (A brief silence.)

**One:** We remember that he forgave our sins.

**All: He breathed on us the peace of God.**

**One:** We remember that he called us friends.

**All: He taught us to love each other as he loved us.**

**One:** We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends.

**All: To eat with him was to taste how good you are.**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**One:** Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.

**All: May it be for all the Bread of Life!**

INVOCATION

Mary Ann Charron

WORSHIP AND PRAISE VIDEO *Desperate*



I'm at the end of myself and I'm  
Tired, I've tried all that I know to do  
Right now it's just by a thread but  
I'm hanging on to you  
I'm running out of hope  
I need a miracle And if I ever  
needed you, it's right now  
Oh God, I'm desperate  
Down on my knees  
Send help from heaven  
'Cause that's what I need  
Redeem this wreckage  
Restore my peace  
I'm not asking, I'm begging  
Lord, come through for me  
I need heaven and I'm  
(Desperate) Desperate  
Oh, I need heaven, need heaven  
and I'm  
Prayed all the prayers I can pray  
but I won't stop knocking 'til you  
open the door  
You can move a mountain  
You can calm a storm  
I know you can 'cause  
I've seen it before

Oh God, I'm desperate  
Down on my knees  
Send help from heaven  
'Cause that's what I need  
Redeem this wreckage  
Restore my peace  
I'm not asking, I'm begging  
Lord, come through for me  
I need heaven and I'm  
  
(Oh, I'm) desperate (Oh, I'm)  
desperate Oh, I need heaven, need  
heaven and I'm (Oh, I'm) desperate  
(Oh, I'm) desperate  
Oh, I need heaven, need heaven and  
I'm Oh (Ooh), oh (Ooh), oh (Ooh)  
And you're my only hope  
I need a miracle  
And if I ever needed you, it's right now  
  
Oh God, I'm desperate Down on my  
knees Send help from heaven  
'Cause that's what I need  
Redeem this wreckage  
Restore my peace  
I'm not asking, I'm begging  
Lord, come through for me  
I need heaven and I'm  
  
(Oh, I'm) desperate  
(Oh, I'm) desperate  
Oh, I need heaven, need heaven and  
I'm Desperate



**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 LESSONS** Psalm 49:16-17, Colossians 3:2-5, Luke 12:13-21  
Mary Ann Charron

**SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 487** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted  
and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them  
or as they may become.*

**SERMON** Living in the Middle 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**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** Deacons: Lisa Fenwick & Ron Stack

**INVITATION**

**One:** Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!  
**All:** *Life that never ends!*

**One:** Here and now Christ feeds the world!  
**All:** *Plenty for all, enough for today!*

**One:** Come to the table of justice and joy!  
**All:** *No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!*

**One:** Let praise go up to God our Life!  
**All:** *From every creature on God’s good earth!*

**PREFACE**

**One:** How right it is to praise you, gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors one people in many kinds and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were a sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted to us your justice and your joy.

**All:** *But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other’s hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of mercy, you restored us to each other and to you. Mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you!*

**One:** And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

