

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 286 *This Is the Day*

Left side *This is the day,
that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice,
and be glad in it*

Right Side *This is the day,
that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice,
and be glad in it*

All *This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it;*

Left side *this is the day,*

Right Side *this is the day*

All *that the Lord has made.*

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 *Autumn* (Antonio Vivaldi)

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! ~

~ October 5, 2025 ~ Proper 22 ~ World Communion Sunday



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“As we celebrate with Christians around the world this day, let our prayer be “May we all be one in peace and in Christ’s love.”*



All: We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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!

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.

Leader: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

People: We are created for community!

Leader: We are a community, come let us worship our ever-loving God.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise Hymnal # 154 *Make Me Servant*

*Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
Andy may the pray'r of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.*

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 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; Luke 17:5-10
Mary Ann Charron

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 323 Wonderful Words of Life

*Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty:*

*Refrain
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.*

*2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all
wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life.
All so freely given,
wooing us to heaven: [Refrain]*

*3 Sweetly echo the gospel call,
wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever. [Refrain]*

SERMON Faith, Obedience, and a Table for the World

OFFERING

Pastor Jane

Donate
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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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Debbie Pratt & Mary Ann Charron

INVITATION

One: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

All: God scatters life across the earth.

One: God scatters people in every land and nation.

All: God scatters disciples far and wide.

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

All: God gathers people into families of faith.

One: God gathers people into communities of love.

All: God gathers people into the body of Christ.

One: Today, on this World Communion Sunday, God gathers us at one table with disciples of every language, culture, and tradition. From cathedrals and chapels, from huts and houses, from fields and cities, God gathers us in many places and makes us one in Christ. At this table, we remember the cost of discipleship and rejoice in the richness of Christ's gifts poured out for the whole world.

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.