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“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.”



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ FEBRUARY 1, 2026 ~
~ FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ COMMUNION

THE BEATITUDES

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

Matthew 5:12, ESV

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.”* Harold S. Kushner, Rabbi



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PRELUDE *Celebration* David Paxton Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Lynn Stack

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) # 595 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What does God require of us?

People: *God wants justice.*

Leader: What else does God want?

People: *God wants faithful love.*

Leader: Anything else?

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Medieval Procession*

Pastor Jane

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, Dorothy Stack, Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Mary Ann Charron, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Dave Mallory & Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council will meet today after worship

Deacons will meet on February 8th after worship

Trustees will meet on February 15th after worship

CHOSEN watch gathering will be on **Friday, February 6th beginning at 4:00 PM.** Pizza and salad on the menu.

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, February 11th Want to play a board game, do a jigsaw puzzle, sew something new, knit, crochet, play a game of card and of course, enjoy a **FREE LUNCH.** Come anytime from **ALL WELCOME!**

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18, 2026. We will have “**Ashes to Go**” from **12:00 Noon—1:00 PM** and then again from **4:00 PM—5:00 PM** You don't even have to get out of your car. Just pull in front of the church and someone will come to you.

SIX WEEK LENTEN BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM We have purchased 12 copies of *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Cron. We plan on having a ZOOM study on **Tuesday evenings, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 –8:00 PM.** Used Books are \$6.50 each.

COMMUNION VIDEO *To the Table* Zach Williams

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.*

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 218 Thine Is the Glory

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.*

Refrain *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing.
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **Refrain***

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain***

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.*

People: *God wants us to walk humbly with our God.*

Leader: Come, let us do what God wants as we worship this day.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP *Heart of Worship*

*When the music fades All is stripped away
And I simply come Longin' just to bring
Something that's of worth That will bless Your heart*

*I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required*

*You search much deeper within
Through the ways things appear
You're looking into my heart*

*I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus*

*I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
It's all about You, Jesus*

*King of endless worth No one could express
How much You deserve? Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours Every single breath*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12

Celia Schneider

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 195 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

SERMON I Didn't Get It—but I'm Learning—How about you?

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 COMMUNION

Deacons Kimberly and Steve

INVITATION

One: Come, all who hunger.

All: *Come all who thirst.*

One: Come no matter what's needed because everyone needs something 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 whoever 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 and drink this cup together.

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