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BENEDICTION

Steve Fredette

POSTLUDE Bless This House

Joanie Brown

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPER and THE CHOSEN will be held on Friday, October 17th 4:00 PM.

OPEN DISCUSSION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH regarding the rainbow door in front of the church, another discussion will be held on November 2nd if necessary.

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH.

CHANGE OF DATE OCTOBER 22, 2025 11 AM—2 PMK 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!**

HOLD THE DATE Fair Haven's BIG Charter Day Celebration at our church **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026, 2:00 pm** Musical Theater Presentation of "SPIT'N' LYON" We will host a reception after the show. Want to volunteer? We need you! Sign-up in Reed Chapel to bring finger-food snacks and sweets. Let's welcome the community with a great show of hospitality.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST : Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Shawn and Becky; Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole.



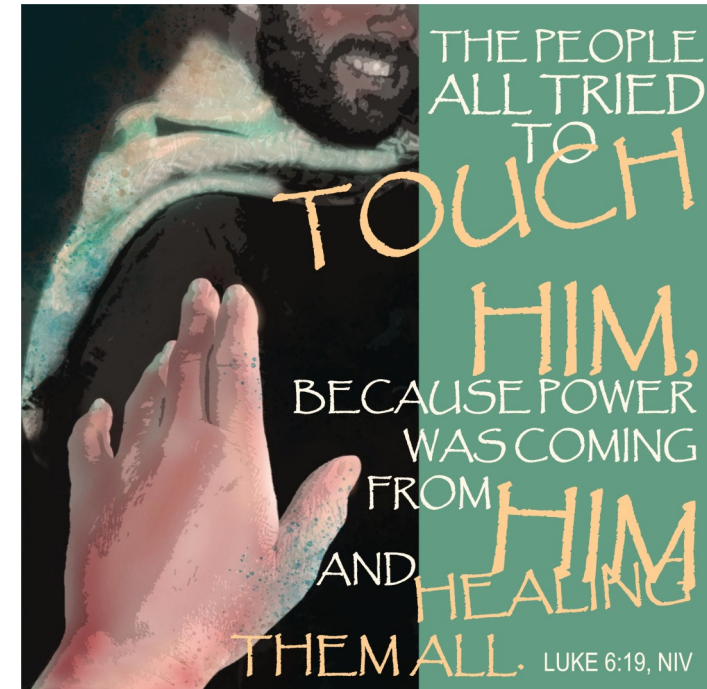
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~ October 12, 2025 ~ Proper 23 ~



THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY *"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."*
C.K. Chesterton

Healing takes courage, and we all have courage, even if we have to dig a little to find it."
Tori Amos



CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 570 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

*that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.*

*In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

*the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!*

- With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!

*thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.*

*And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,*

*I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

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*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

SERMON Healing, Unity, and Hope Steve Fredette

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



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Luke’s gospel, Jesus called together the disciples and a great multitude of a level place.
People: **There he touched, healed, and taught.**
Leader: There he spoke, “Blessed are…” There he named the blessed—the saints of the faith.
People: **O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.**
Leader: Today, in this place, Christ gather us.
People: **Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God.**
Leader: Christ, come among us as we worship you this day.

INVOCATION

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *We forget you O Lord, and we use foolish and angry words when we speak to those we disagree with, those who think differently, those who are “on the other side.” Then, when we want you to listen closely, we speak with kindness, mercy and compassion. Forgive us Lord, teach us to speak to all in kindness, help us to recognize You in our neighbor as we heal our brokenness and unite with our neighbors.*

WORDS OF GRACE

Steve Fredette

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles. God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *I am the Lord Who Heals You*

*When your strength begins to fade
And your prayers feel far away
When the night is long and cold
I'm the shepherd of your soul
I've never left, I have always seen
each broken cry inside the dream
I am the lord who heals you*

*The one who walks beside
I see the wounds within you
And hold you when you hide
With every breath I whisper
Be still my child and know
I am the Lord who heals you*

*And I will never let you go
I spoke the stars into the sky
And I hear your every sigh
No sickness stands too strong for me
I bring the captive soul to peace
When faith is faint and hope is thin
Just call my name I'll enter in
I am the Lord who heals you*

*The one who bore your pain
My hands still bears the mercy
That breaks the heavy chain
With every breath I whisper
Be still my child and know
I am the Lord who heals you*

*And I will never let you go
My love is not a fleeting wind
It reaches where your ache begins
I speak and healing flows like rain
I cover you with peace again
I am the Lord who heals you*

*Your refuge in the fire
I hold you through the sorrow
And lift your spirit higher
You are my own forever
My promise still is true
I am the Lord who heals you
and I will always carry you.*

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 Debbie Pratt

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:12-38

Matthew Pratt

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 575 Come and Find the Quiet Center

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*