

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Celestial Theme* (Domenico Paradies) Sharon Pinsonnault
Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF JULY 6, 2025

PRAYER LIST Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God’s healing and strength upon them.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Ethan, Shawn and Becky; Jessica Smith, David Stack, nancy Wolmuth

MEETINGS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 6, 2025 -	Deacons	After worship
Sunday, July 20, 2025-	Trustees	After worship
Wednesday, July 23, 2025-	Council	5:00 PM

FREE

SUMMER SUPPERS

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

5:00 PM—6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to share food, fellowship and fun!
No strings attached, just come and enjoy.

Hamburgers and Hotdogs cooked on the grill
Lots of delicious summer salads
Lemonade and Ice Tea
Watermelon
And assorted desserts.

Don't feel like cooking in the heat—come and relax
It's our pleasure to serve you.

First Congregational Church of Fair Haven
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~
~July 6, 2025 ~ Proper Nine~ Communion Sunday



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY “Christian discipleship is a decision to walk in his ways, steadily and firmly, and then finding that the way integrates all our interests, passions, and gifts, our human needs and eternal aspirations. It is the way of life we were created for.”
— Eugene H. Peterson



~ JULY 6, 2025 ~ PROPER NINE~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE *The Lost Chord* (Sir Arthur Sullivan) Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL John & Kate
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) # 284 vs. 1, 2, & 3 *Gather Us In*

*Here in this place new light is streaming Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song*

*Here we will take the wine and the water Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true*

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

PEOPLE: *Sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.*

LEADER: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

PEOPLE: *All the earth worships you; they sing praise to your name.*

LEADER: Come and see what God has done.

PEOPLE: *Tell of God's awesome deeds among all people.*

LEADER: Come, let us worship our God this day.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil,
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. **[Refrain]**

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
has sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. **[Refrain]**

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow has trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
may come to the truth of God,
may come to the truth of God! **[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.*

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 HYMN New Wine Video <https://bit.ly/3lacxzx>

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 # 484 We’ve a Story to tell the Nations

*We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.*

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

WORSHIP AND PRAISE VIDEO *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*



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 Galatians 6:1-6, 16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20 Joan Brown

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 453 vs. 1, 2 & 3 Called as Partners

*Called as partners in Christ’s service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God’s chosen end.*

*Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.’*

SERMON

What Is Peace?

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

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!

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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!*