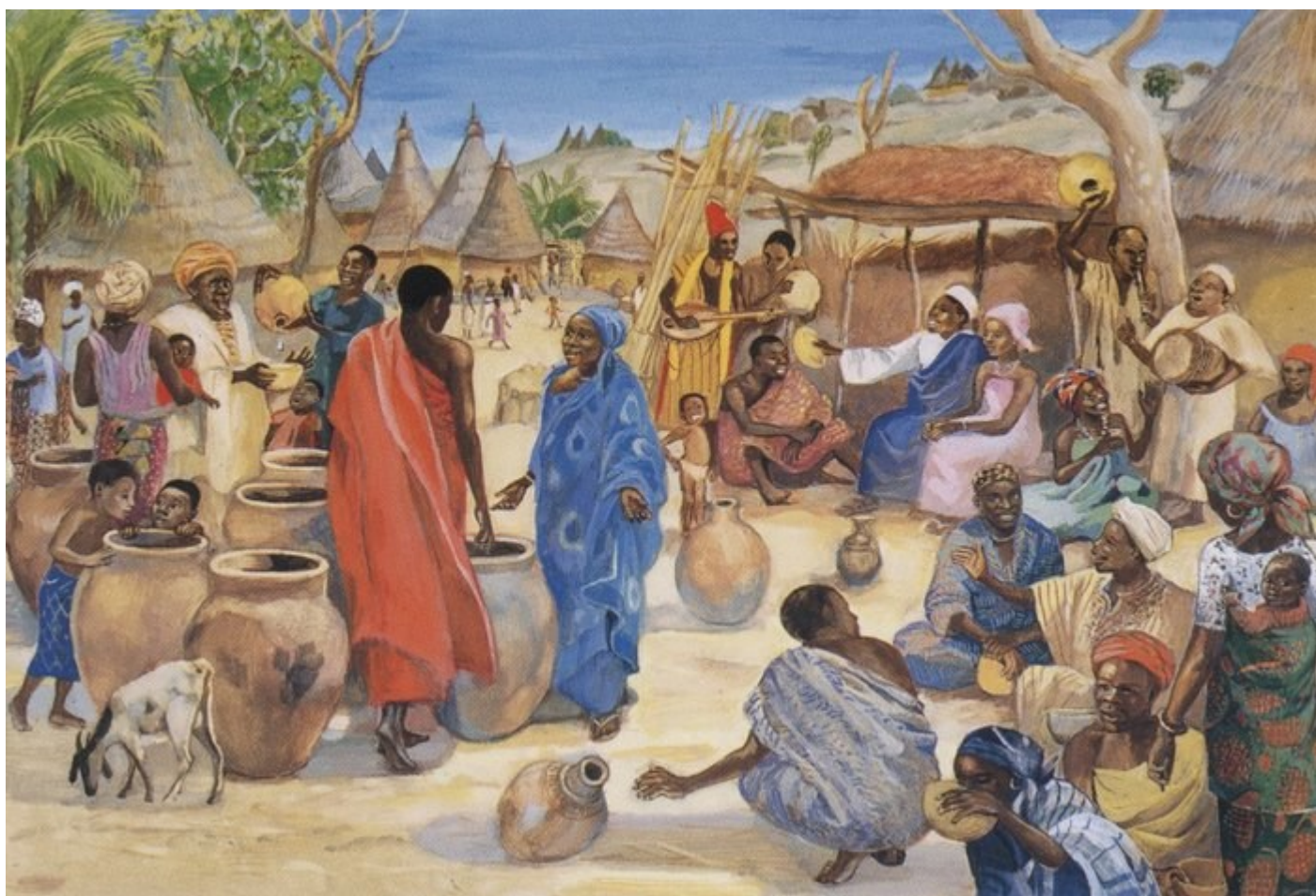


First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC

~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~

~SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 ~ EPIPHANY TWO ~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.” C. S. Lewis*

~ JANUARY 19, 2025 ~ WEDDING AT CANA ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Jane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL

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 *Chalice # 66 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

P: *We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.*

L: For with you is the fountain of life.

P: *In Your light we see light.*

L: Come, let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us. Amen.

INVOCATION

Andrew Donahue

PRAISE AND WORSHIP *I've Got Peace Like a River*

*I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*2 I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul*

*3 I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.*

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**

Lisa Fenwick

HEBREW READING Isaiah 62:1-5

RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 36:5-10

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: *Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.*

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: *They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: *O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!*

GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11**HYMN Chalice # 86 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)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

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.*

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**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

CLOSING HYMN *Chalice # 92 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*2 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all!*

*4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all!*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE

Our thanks to everyone who helped with the worship this morning!

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

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, Patty Stannard, Chelsea, C.J. ; Andrea Brown, Natalie, Rev. Melanie Combs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustees will meet today after worship

Council will meet on **Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 PM**

Pastor Jane will be on vacation from **Wednesday, January 23rd through Monday, February 3rd**. In case of emergency, please reach out to Debbie Pratt 802-282-1810 or Ron Stack 815-382-3855.

INTERESTED IN HAVING A SOUPER LUNCH? Even though Super Bowl Sunday will be over—we think it's time for our congregation to get together for lunch. Let's set the date for **Sunday, February 16th** after worship. Do you have a super soup recipe? Sign up on the clip board in Reed Chapel. Not a cook—sign up to bring a loaf of crusty bread, cheese and crackers, dessert...whatever you would like to share for lunch. A free will offering will be accepted for our Organ Fund.



“We take for granted the slow miracle whereby water in the irrigation of a vineyard becomes wine.

It is only when Christ turns water into wine, in a quick motion, as it were, that we stand amazed.”

— Saint Augustine



In the next few weeks, we will have raffle tickets available as a fund raiser for our organ repair. A beautiful quilt made by Clem Levesque, age 91, will be hanging in Reed Chapel soon, so we can see the beautiful queen size quilt. Clem donated this quilt to help with fund raising for the organ. This gift adds to the miracle of raising the funds for renovating our beautiful organ. Thanks also to Jack Helm for all his behind the scene work to get the organ repaired. Keep watch in the bulletin for more news coming up.

PRAYER At the Southwest Clergy Bible Study last week we learned that our brother-in-Christ, Andris Berry had received a phone call from a dear friend in California. This fellow and his family were his next door neighbors when he lived in Altadena just a few short years ago. His neighbor was crying, telling him that he had lost his family home to the fires burning in Los Angeles. He also told Andris that the house Andris lived in had also burned down in addition to the neighborhood school, his children had attended and the Altadena Community Church, UCC that many of the families in the area attended. Andris who also went through the Pastoral Preparation Program is the now the Pastor of the East Arlington Federated Church. Andris has a very important request—he asked all of us in the Southwest Association to pray for the people of Altadena that have lost almost all the buildings in their community. But as we know, the church is not a building and a community is not its buildings. We the people are the church, and the community of Altadena needs our prayers. PLEASE PRAY that the people of Altadena feel our compassion, our concern and most of all our love. The photos are before, during and after the fire. Hear our prayers O Lord.



If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

To schedule time with a Deacon either in-person or zoom, please contact Eileen via email to be placed on their calendar. Eileen@fhucc.org

Prayer Circle: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

Karen Festa	802-287-2405
Maryann Charron	802-468-3207
Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058
Lana Petty	802-353-0485

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Trouble with Stairs?

A Handicap RAMP is available on the Caernarvon Street side of Church! You MAY park on the church side of Caernarvon Street during church events.

A handicapped accessible bathroom is available on the main floor of the church.

Parking. Please save spaces near the front of the church for those who have difficulty walking. One handicapped space is available on Caernarvan St. near the ramp.

Pastor Jane LoBrutto janechurchlady@gmail.com 802-430-3636

Church Administrator: Eileen Hurlburt eileen@fhucc.org

Debbie Pratt - Lead Deacon

Sharon Pinsonnault & Joan Brown Organist/Pianist

Andrew Donahue and Ron Stack – Social Media

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

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