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

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*Let's enjoy a community meal together
Before our Easter Worship Service
Everyone is Welcome!*

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Invite Your

Family and Friends

It's a great way to

Invite them to stay for

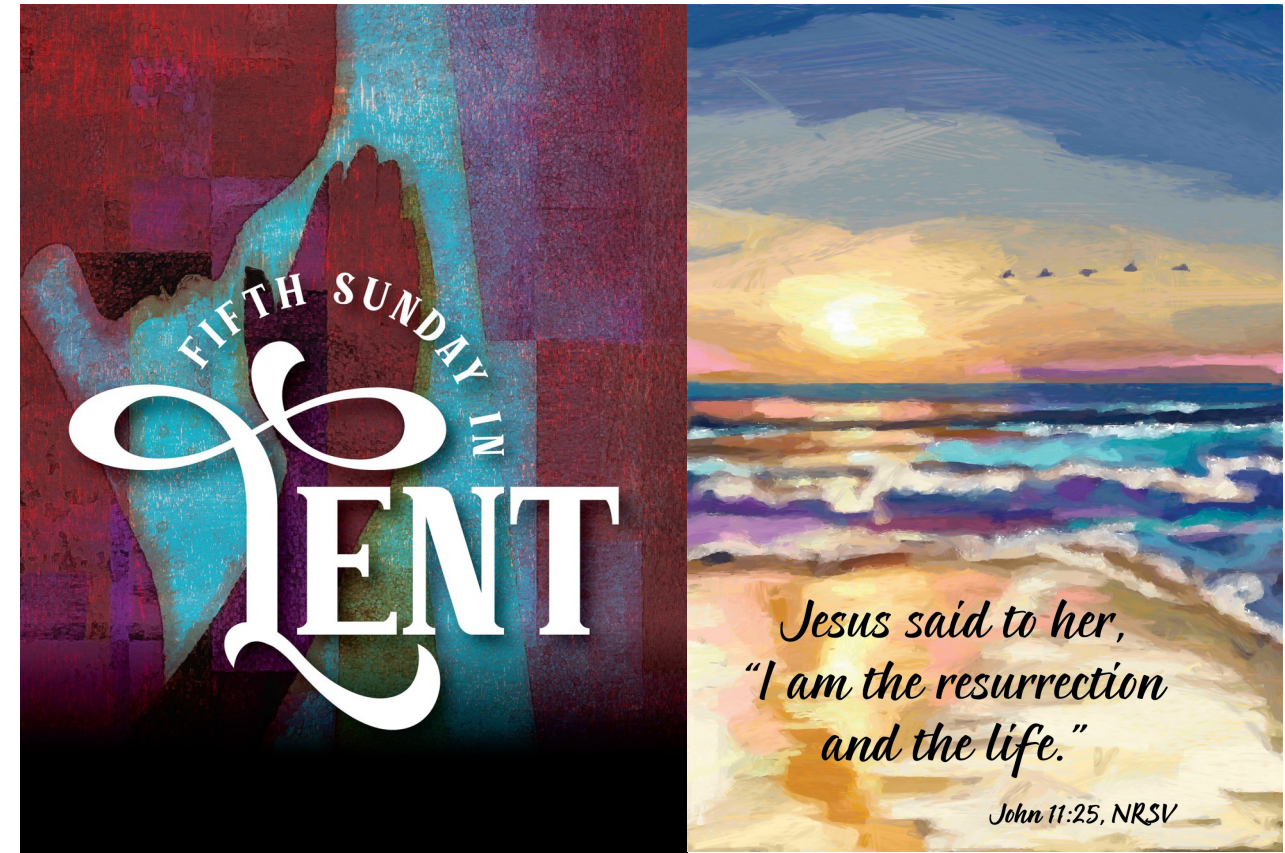
Our Easter Service!



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ MARCH 22, 2026 ~
~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."
-Martin Luther



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PRELUDE

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Steve & Mary Ann

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) # 518 This is the Day of New Beginnings

*This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*In faith we gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

People: ***We gather to travel God's redemption road together.***

Leader: Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, March 24 and 31 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.**

NEW MEMBER CLASS Interested in becoming a member of our church? We invite you talk to or email Pastor Jane, she will answer any questions you might have. Please plan to attend a class on Sunday, April 17th after worship. Installation of new members will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 during worship



March 29th	Palm Sunday	10:00 AM Honoring Jesus
April 2nd	Maundy Thursday	5:00 PM Foot washing 6:00 PM Tenebrae with Communion
April 3rd	Good Friday	6:00 PM Seven Last Words
April 5th	Easter Sunrise	6:00 AM Baptist Church will lead 8:30 AM Community Breakfast in Dining Room 10:00 AM Easter Service

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

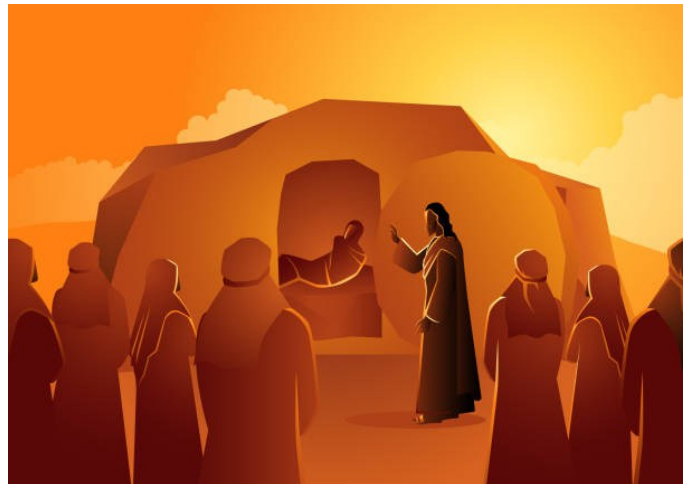
Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE

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, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Tina and Curtis, For the family of Chris Howe.



People: *We gather to travel God's redemption road together.*

Leader: Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

People: *We gather to travel God's redemption road together.*

Leader: Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together. We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.

INVOCATION

Steve Fredette

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *The story of Lazarus rising from the dead, our gospel reading for today, feels like it has grief written under every line. Under Lazarus' illness and Jesus' absence. Under the disciples' questions and the danger of returning to Judea. Under Martha's believing and Mary's weeping. Under the stone and the stench of death. And it is through this grieving that transformation becomes possible. So, today, let us seek transformation and new life, not through confession or accountability, but through our grieving of the death-dealing forces in our world, for all that binds us to the death machine. Let our love for what death will touch open us to vulnerability, open us to these rites of grief. Amen.*

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

PRAISE & WORSHIP (CH) #352 Spirit Song

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs*

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

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 John 11:1-45

Matthew Pratt

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 592 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain: *Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain***

*Jordan River chilly and cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. **Refrain***

*I have heartache, I have woe,
I have trouble here below.
While God leads me I'll not fear,
I am sheltered by God's care. **Refrain***

SERMON Nobody Asked

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

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 556 Trust and Obey

*When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.*

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. **Refrain***

*But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey. **Refrain***

*Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go--
never fear, only trust and obey. **Refrain***

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