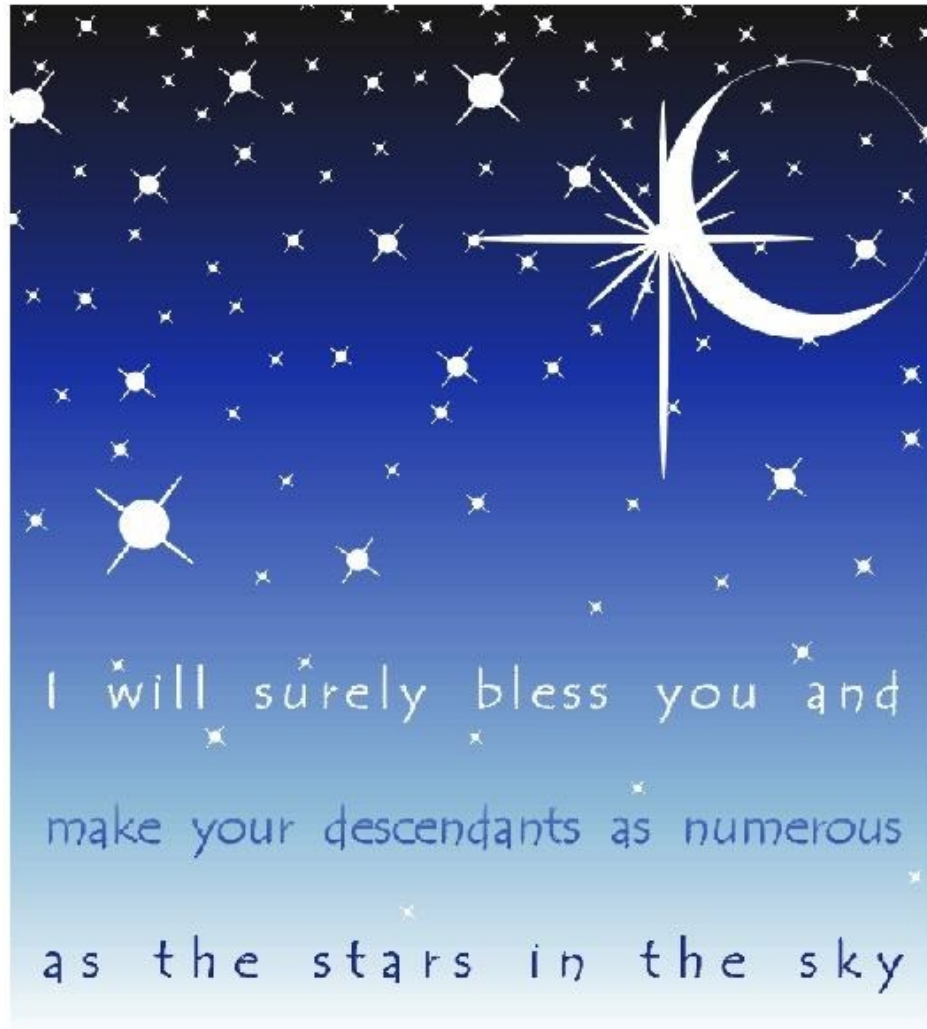




and as the sand on the seashore.

Genesis 22:17

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ JUNE 28, 2026 ~ PROPER 8~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”*

— Martin Luther King Jr.



First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC
2 North Park Place, Fair Haven, VT 05743
802-265-8864 www.fhucc.org church@fhucc.org



~ JUNE 28, 2026 ~ PROPER EIGHT

PRELUDE *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Ann & Lyman

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) # 53 Morning Has Broken

*Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the World
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day*

CALL TO WORSHIP

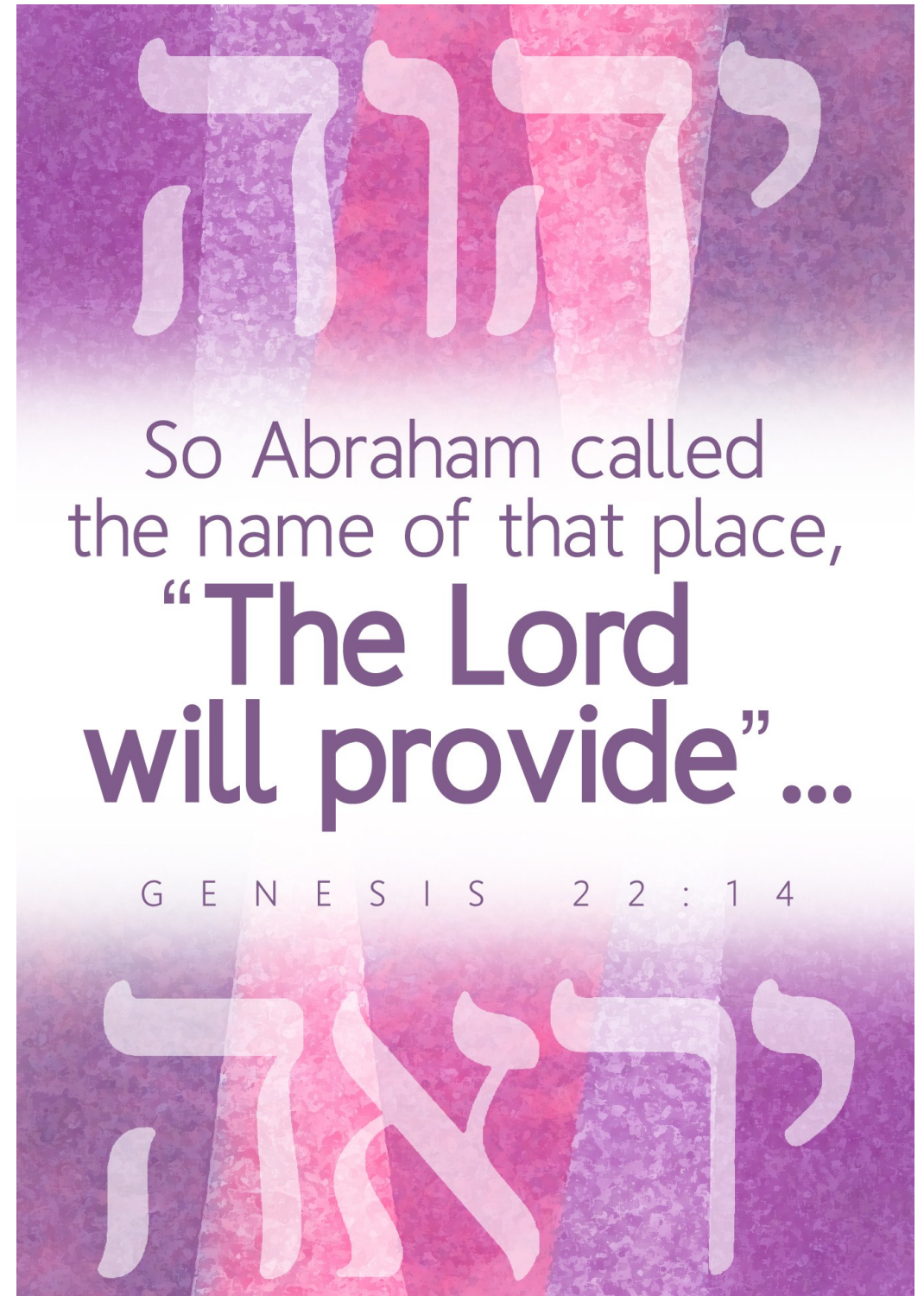
Leader: When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

People: ***God will provide.***

Leader: When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

People: ***God will provide.***

Leader: When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...



*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 *Day by Day*

Joanie Brown

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, Jessica Smith, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Maggie Ashton, Gretchen Lima, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy Hurst, Andrew and Francis Donovan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUSTEES will meet **Monday, June 29, 2026 at 4:30 PM.**

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026 We will welcome women from the Adult and Teen Challenge of New England and New Jersey. Let's be prepared to give a Love Offering to the important work of this organization.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet after worship on Sunday, July 5, 2026

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

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

Karen Festa	802-683-1896
Maryann Charron	802-468-3207
Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058



**"WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,
AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME."**

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

People: ***God will provide.***

Leader: Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

People: ***We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found.***

ALL: ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

INVOCATION

Mary Ann Charron

UNISON PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

O God of all, we are good at rules: making them and then breaking them. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts and our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise # 14 ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.*

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 22:1-14, Matthew 10:40-42 MaryAnn Charron

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 586 Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

SERMON Choosing God: The Test of Faith and Discipleship 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) # 546 Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

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*

**Donate
Here**

