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Saint David died on March 1— St David's Day - in 589. He was buried at the site of [St. Davids Cathedral](#). His last words to his followers came from a sermon he gave on the previous Sunday: ***'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'*** His legacy lives on through this phrase.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN ~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ MARCH 1, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Wherever you go, bring Jesus with you!"* — Manuel Corazzari



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PRELUDE *Once to Every Man and Nation* (arr. Lani Smith) Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & 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 (CH) # 717 *Let All Things Now Living*

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us--
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night--
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

People: *From where will my help come?*

Leader: My help comes from the Lord.

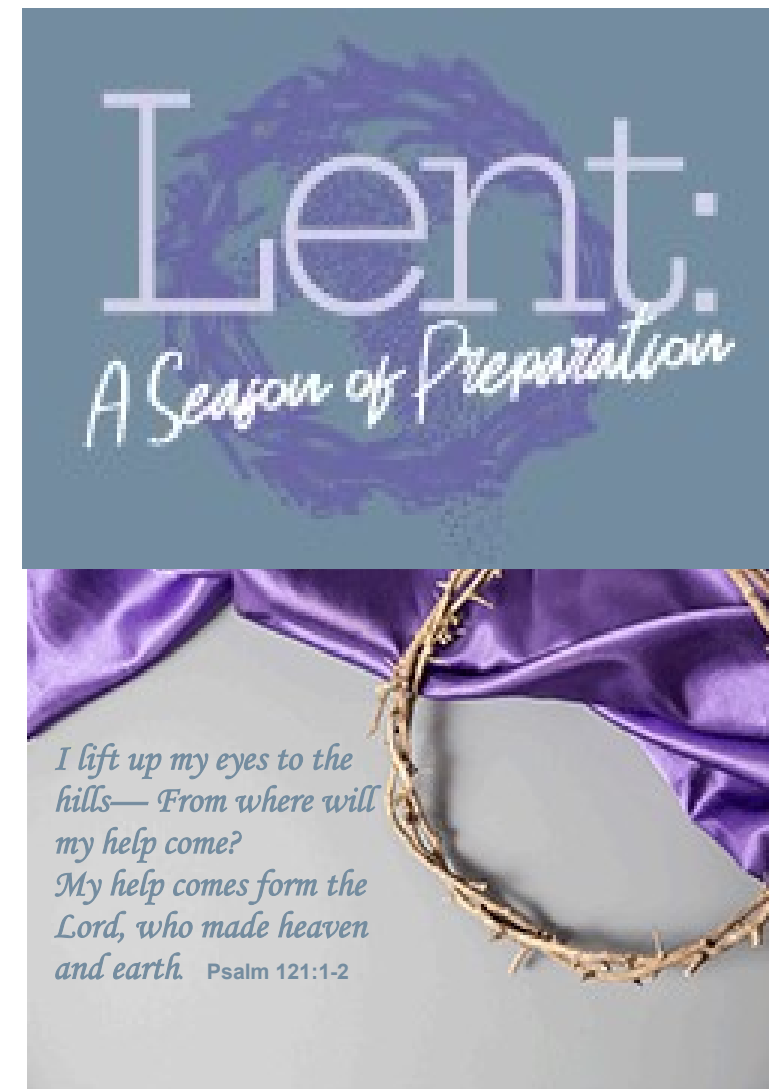
People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord this day.

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 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 –8:00 PM.**

Council (By-Law) Committee Meeting will be held today after worship.
Deacons will meet on Sunday, March 8th after worship.



*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.*

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 *Introit from The German Mass* (Franz Schubert) Sharon Pinsonnault

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.

INVOCATION

Lisa Fenwick

PRAISE & WORSHIP (Praise) # 131 2x *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace*

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 Psalm 121, Gospel of John 3:1-17 Judy Sheldon

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 632 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

*Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

SERMON Born from Above

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 COMMUNION

Deacons: Lisa and Debbie

INVITATION

One: Come, all who hunger.

All: *Come all who thirst.*

One: Come no matter what's needed because everyone needs something and everyone needs someone.

All: *At this table, we are included and room is ever being made to include more. More love, more understanding, more food, more drink, more community, and more good and goodness.*

One: Your invitation is eternal for this table belongs to God. We don't get to decide who we sit next to, but we do get to decide to enjoy whoever is seated.

All: *So come to the table, where strangers become friends, friends become family, and family keeps expanding.*

One: Come as you are and leave better than how you came.

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: In the beginning, the earth was formed. It was the first table that all creations were invited to. This table has gone through several iterations and holds steady. Jesus was at this table at some point in history. He lived, he taught, he was put to death, and then he resurrected. In doing all these things, he taught us a new way to look at tables and how to set them inclusively.

All: *He showed us that we are included in the heart and mind of God always and he taught us how to include those we might be inclined to label as "other". For these reasons among many others, we give thanks for this meal.*

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: We remember that night during the Passover Jesus had his last meal at a table, with those closest to him. There, they shared their love of God and Jesus and of each other. In the midst of love, Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread and said, something like this, "Take and eat this gift from the earth and from the human hands that prepared it and know that God gives it to you, a blessing for your body and your spirit." Later, Jesus took a cup and after blessing it said something like this, "Drink this fruit of the vine, the gift of the sun and labor in the fields. Taste and know the goodness of God."

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: *Come Holy Spirit. Bless this bread and cup and bless each of us. May these elements transform us. May they inspire and give us courage to follow the way of Jesus, which is ever inclusive and expanding.*

One: Come, for our table is ready, let's eat this bread and drink this cup together.

COMMUNION VIDEO *Gift of Finest Wheat*

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. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 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.*