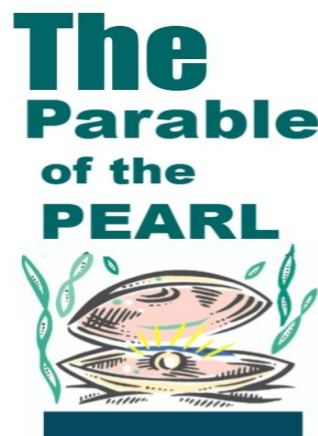
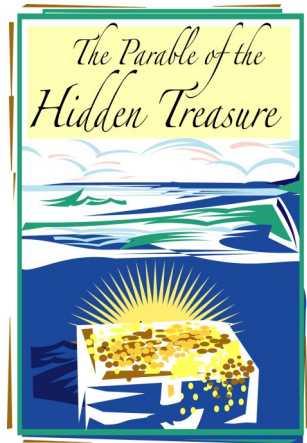
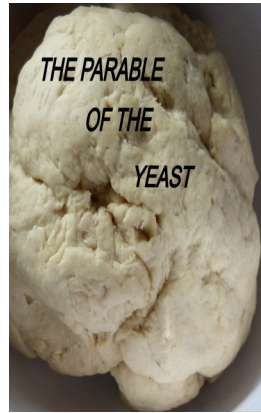


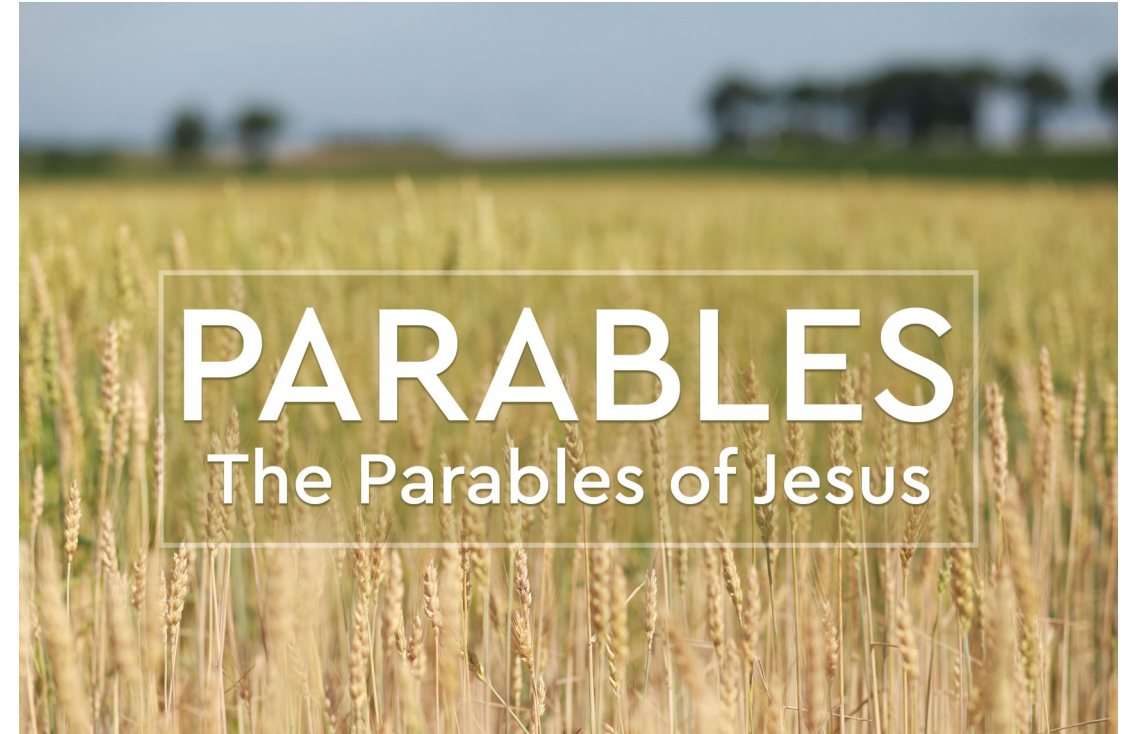
If you would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

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
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Your Mind Is a Garden. Your thoughts Are the Seeds, You Can Grow Flowers. Or You Can Grow Weeds."*



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PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Joanie Brown

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

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

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 dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's 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 recreation of the new day*



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Pastor Jane
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, Jennifer Clement, Maggie & Jeremy Ashton,
Gretchen Lima, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy Hurst, Andrew and Francis
Donovan, Phil Smith, Madden Gero, Pam Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Sunday, August 2nd
TRUSTEES will meet on Monday, August 3rd—Budget Planning Meeting



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 We will have our Annual All Church
Picnic at the Pavilion at Chrystal Beach. We'll provide the ham-
burgers, hotdogs and lemonade. Please bring the sides and
desserts.

WE HOPE EVERYONE ATTENDS — BRING A FRIEND

WE'LL HEAD TO THE LAKE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,
People: *The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.*
Leader: Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.
People: *Make your face shine upon your servants.*
Leader: We come together to worship the living God

INVOCATION

Steve Fredette

PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise # 37 Open the Eyes of My Heart

[Chorus] *Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You (Sing Twice)*

[Verse] *To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy (Sing Twice)*

[Bridge] *Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You (Sing Twice)*

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 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Nancy Pierce

SERMONIC HYMN *To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared?*

To the tune of To God Be the Glory

*To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.*

*A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.*

*While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.*

SERMON Language of the Kingdom 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) # 477 Pass It On

*It only takes a spark To get a fire going
And soon all those around Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone You want to pass it on*

*What a wondrous time is spring When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring You want to pass it on*

*I wish for you my friend This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me I want to pass it on*

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.*

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