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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ AUGUST 2, 2026 ~

~ PROPER 13 ~ COMMUNION ~

STEWARDSHIP SERIES

MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE – WEEK ONE



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *Though the Israelites didn't have fancy tables, they had something better. For them, the table was much more than a place to eat. It was a place of mutual trust and vulnerability. The table has always been a place of presence — where God is present with his people and his people are present with one another.*

The Table of Remembrance is place of peace where harmony, love, good-will, and reconciliation occurs with those who gather around it. Everyone is celebrated in the presence of the Lord.



~ AUGUST 2, 2026 ~ PROPER THIRTEEN ~ COMMUNION

PRELUDE *Herald of Praise* Robert Hughes Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Lynn S. & Lynn L.

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) # 386 *We Come as Guests Invited*

*We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.*

*We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.*

*One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep, as we eat and play and work,

People: *We offer God praise.*

Leader: As we wash our car, scrub the dishes, rinse the grime of the day from our hands,

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 *Chapel Chimes* David Paxton 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, 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.

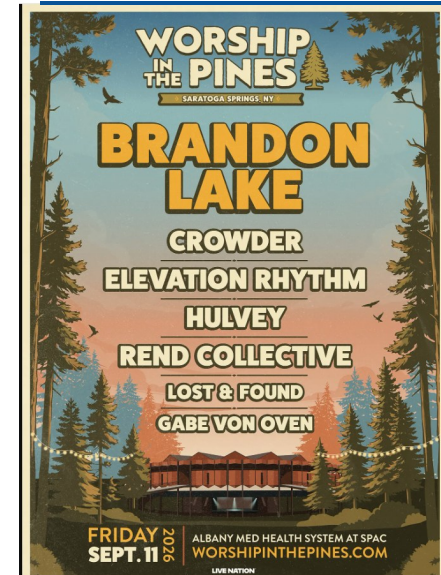
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet this morning after worship

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 hamburgers, hotdogs and lemonade. Please bring the sides and desserts. **WE HOPE EVERYONE ATTENDS — BRING A FRIEND**



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

COMMUNION VIDEO Hymn for Communion M.W. Smith

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. Together we trust in this moment of transformation which is made possible by You. Give us the strength to continue on the journey and to set tables that are welcoming and ever expanding. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 494 They'll Know We Are Christians

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.*

REFRAIN *And they'll know we are Christians, By our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land. **REFRAIN***

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll save each man's dignity, and guard each man's pride. **REFRAIN***

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, that makes us one. **REFRAIN***

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

People: ***We offer God praise.***

Leader: As we feel the tips of the grass on our feet, the wind against our face, the sun on our backs,

People: ***We offer God praise.***

Leader: Come, let us worship God who creates, redeems, and sustains us to live out our praise in all we do!

People: ***We come as people formed by grace to offer God praise with our whole selves now and in all the ordinary moments of our lives! Amen.***

INVOCATION Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise # 429 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain: *You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.*

*With joyful lips we sing to you, Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heavenly food. **Refrain**
Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain***

*The mystery of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain***

*You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. **Refrain***

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 14:13-21 Ann Bucci

SERMONIC HYMN VIDEO (CH) # 381 Take My Gifts

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!*

*Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humor, laced with laughter-- flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.*

*Take whatever I can offer-- gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.*

SERMON Making Room at the Table—Bring What You Have 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.*

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DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Deacons Debbie & Kimberly

INVITATION

One: Come, all who hunger.

All: **Come all who thirst.**

One: Come no matter what’s needed because everyone needs some
thing 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.**

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.**