



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, June 14, 2:30-4:30pm

Registration begins at 2:00 pm

Federated Church of East Arlington

102 Ice Pond Rd, Arlington, VT

Conference Listening Tour

*Come Play. Come Dream. What Can We Build Together?*

This is a pivotal time in our Conference and our Association as we discern how the Holy Spirit is moving, and what is ours to do. It's a great time to be together. *All are welcome—we would like our delegates to attend as well as the head of Trustees and Deacons. All officers of the church are also encouraged to attend. This is a great event to learn more about our Southwest Association and Conference.*



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](mailto:janechurchlady@gmail.com)

**Prayer Circle:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call any-one of the following:

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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN**

~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ JUNE 7, 2026 ~

~ PROPER 5 ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *"And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide... And our aching will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine. And we will open our hands to the feast without shame."* Jan Richardson



~ JUNE 7, 2026 ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

**PRELUDE** *Pastorale* 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) # 452 Here I Am Lord**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.*

*All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.*

*Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

### **CHORUS**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.*

*I have wept for love of them. They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.*

*I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? **CHORUS***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.*

*I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.*

*I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **CHORUS***

**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** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Lani Smith 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, Joe and Matt, Peter, Jennifer Clement, Maggie Ashton, Gretchen Lima, Greg Caron, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy Hurst.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet **this morning at 11 am.**

**WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2026** All are welcome, invite a neighbor and friend. Let's get to know each other better.

**DEACONS** will meet **Sunday, June 14 at 11 am.**

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



*There is a place at the table for you!*

***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 & drink this cup together.

**COMMUNION VIDEO** *Remembrance* (Communion Song) Matt Redman

### **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.***

**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*

### **BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

**People:** ***God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.***

**Leader:** Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

**People:** ***God's love endures forever.***

**Leader:** Let us worship our God together this day.

### **INVOCATION**

Steve Fredette

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** Maranatha #131 ***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

*Sing 3x 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**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Matthew Pratt

## SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 552 *Standing on the Promises*

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**Refrain** *Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. Refrain*

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. Refrain*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. Refrain*

**SERMON** Embracing Grace: For Our Lives Today

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 Steve 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.*

## 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*

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