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

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN
~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ AUGUST 9, 2026 ~
~ PROPER 14 ~
STEWARDSHIP SERIES
MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE – WEEK TWO



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"In a very real sense not one of us is qualified, but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do his work, to bear his glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own, or God's glory with our own."*

— Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art*



~ AUGUST 9, 2026 ~ PROPER FOURTEEN ~

PRELUDE *Trust (Finlandia)* 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) # 480 *I Love to Tell the Story*

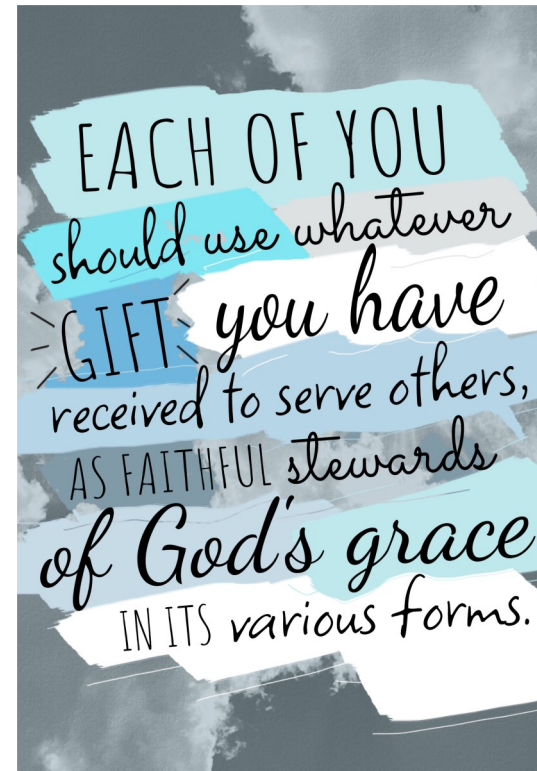
*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

Refrain: *I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

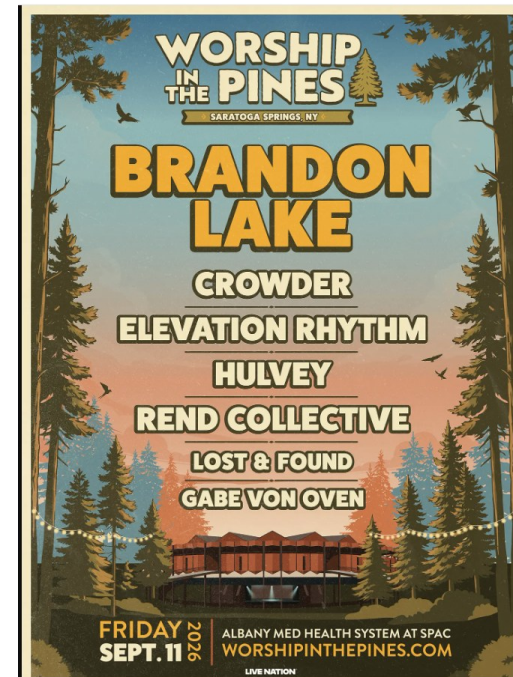
*I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.*

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain*



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BENEDICTION

Pastor Jane

POSTLUDE *Make Me a Blessing*

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

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH.
11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 All are welcome, invite a
neighbor and friend. Let’s get to know each other better. Let’s share our
abundance and make new friends.

TRUSTEES MEETING on **Sunday, August 16th** after worship.

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 EVERY-**
ONE ATTENDS — BRING A FRIEND

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING will meet on Sunday,
August 30, 2026 after worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who are we, gathering in this place?
People: ***We are disciples of Jesus Christ.***
Leader: Why are we here?
People: ***To continue on our journey of The Way.***
Leader: Where does The Way take us?
People: ***It takes us to the knowledge that death is not victorious.***
Leader: How do we follow The Way?
People: ***By loving God, loving our neighbor, and loving ourselves.***
ALL: ***This is our way. Thanks be to God. Let us worship our God.***

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP Maranatha Praise # 131***Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus***

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And all the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace. **Sing 2x***

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 14:22-33

Judy Sheldon

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me sta-and
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the li-ight Take my ha-and, precious Lord Lead me home*

*When my way grows drear Precious Lord, linger near-ear
When my life is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home*

SERMON Making Room at the Table—Trust the One Who Calls You
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

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 619 *My Life Flows On*

*My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

Refrain *No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

*Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.*

How can I keep from singing? Refrain

*What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.*

*What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain*

*The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!*

*All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? Refrain*

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.*