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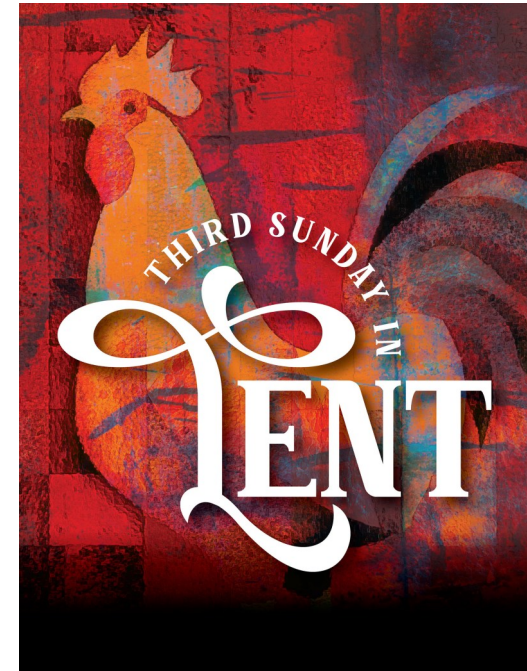
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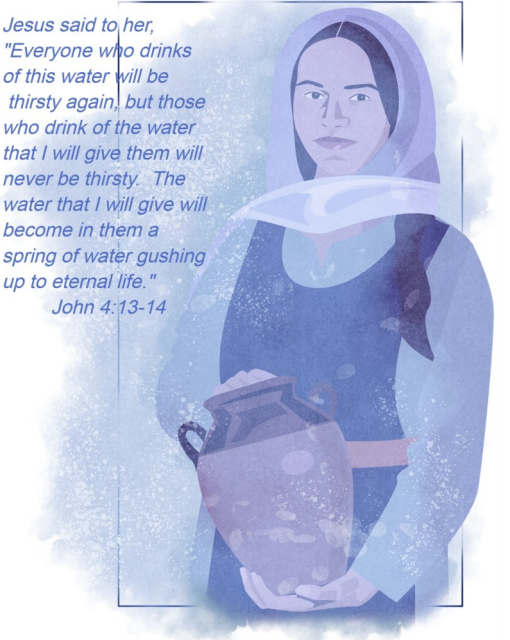
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FAIR HAVEN ~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ MARCH 8, 2026 ~ ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ~



Jesus said to her,
"Everyone who drinks
of this water will be
thirsty again, but those
who drink of the water
that I will give them will
never be thirsty. The
water that I will give will
become in them a
spring of water gushing
up to eternal life."
John 4:13-14



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"Aliveness, he will teach, is a gift available to all by God's grace. It flows not from taking, but giving, not from fear but from faith, not from conflict but from reconciliation, not from domination but from service. It isn't found in the upper trappings of religion -rules and rituals, controversies and scruples, temples and traditions. No, it springs up from our innermost being like a fountain of living water. It intoxicates us lie the best wine ever and so turns life from disappointment into a banquet."* — Brian D. McLaren



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~ MARCH 8, 2026 ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jane

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

John & Lisa Fenwick

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) # 195 195 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

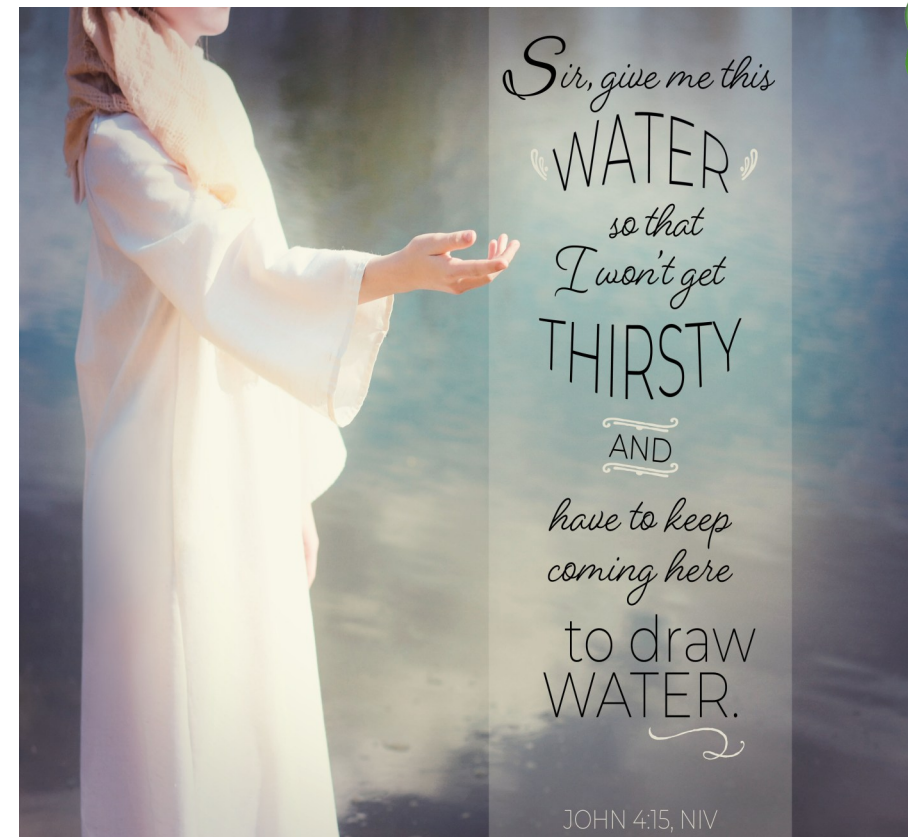
SIX WEEK LENTEN BOOK STUDY ON ZOOM *Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale* by Ian Morgan Cron. We plan on having a ZOOM study on **Tuesday evenings, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 7:00 –8:00 PM.**

Deacons will meet today after worship.

Trustees will meet on March 15th after worship

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, March 18th. YES, WE KNOW IT IS THE DAY AFTER ST. PATRICK'S DAY! There is still time to celebrate as we will be serving corned beef and cabbage for lunch.

Come anytime from **ALL WELCOME!**



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

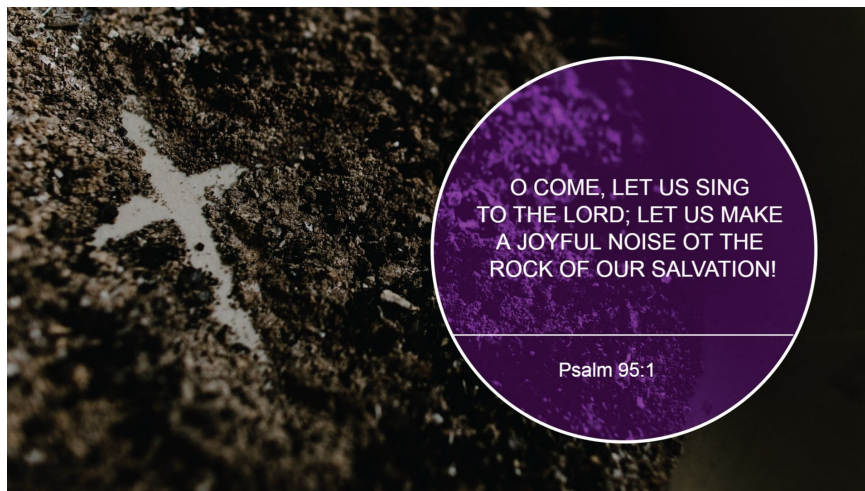
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POSTLUDE

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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of our hearts...here we are!

People: ***We come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us.***

Leader: We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us.

People: ***We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love.***

Leader: You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. Amen.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: *God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. Amen.*

WORDS OF GRACE

Pastor Jane

PRAISE & WORSHIP (Praise) # 90 *Oh How He Loves You and Me*

*Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could he give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me;
Oh, how he loves you and me.*

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 95:1-3, Romans 5:1-5, Gospel of John 4:5-42
Chris Sheldon

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 265 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.*

SERMON Thirsty?...Come to the Well

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) # 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***

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD