## **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

POSTLUDE It Is Well

Joanie Brown

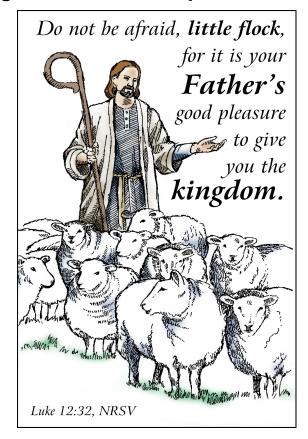
Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

**PRAYER LIST** Our prayer list is a network of love and faith in the power of prayer. We receive these names from members and friends of our church who hold these individuals up in their own prayer life for God's healing and strength upon them. IMMEDIATE NEEDS: Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Ethan, Shawn and Becky; Jessica Smith, David Stack, Joe Verga, For the family and friends of Rev. John Weatherhogg who passed away this past week.

> THE FOOD SHELF welcomes your contributions or if you want to bring food instead, we need non perishable proteins like peanut butter and tuna fish, as well as cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, 1-can meals, and toilet paper. Thank you very much for your support. Check out https: www.slatevalleycares.org



# First Congregational Church of Fair Haven ~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ ~August 10,2025 ~ Proper Fourteen~



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "Godly fear is loving and trusting in Him. As we fear God more completely, we love Him more perfectly. And "perfect love casteth out all fear." I promise the bright light of godly fear will chase away the dark shadows of mortal fears as we look to the Savior, build upon Him as our foundation, and press forward on His covenant path with consecrated commitment. David A. Bednar







PRELUDE Amazing Grace, My Chain Are Gone

Joanie Brown

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCMENTS
LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL

Kate Hill & Debbie Bethel

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) # 284 Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

## **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 New Century Hymnal # 256 We Walk By Faith

1 We live by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.

2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side, nor follow where Christ trod; but in confessing we rejoice: our Savior and our God!

> 3 Help then, O Christ, our unbelief; and may our faith abound To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

## **SERMONIC HYMN (**CH) # 572 Take Time to Be Holy

1 Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
God's blessing to seek.

2 Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

3 Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide; in joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

**SERMON** Do Not Be Afraid, Be Ready

Pastor Jane

Here we receive new life in the waters;
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not just in of buildings small and confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things no seen.

PEOPLE: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

**LEADER:** By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose

architect and builder is God.

PEOPLE: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

INVOCATION Lisa Fenwick

#### UNISON PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: O God, our hands are full and stained with the fruit of devastation and despair. We lament a world filled with genocide and war even as we acknowledge our complicity and inaction with rampant evil in the world. Too often, we benefit from our neighbor's suffering and remain complacent and compliant when the cost of loving our neighbor seems to address illusions of safety and security. Move us to action. Arm us with hearts bursting with love. Equip us as agents of the kingdom's peace. Assure us that when we seek forgiveness through our actions as well as our words, your grace will meet us. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE Pastor Jane

## PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO "Unashamed"

Three brothers in a fire Willing to die for their faith But You were with them in the fire And they walked out the next day

And Daniel met a lion Because he chose to pray
But You shut the mouth of that lion
And he walked out the next day

So, what's gonna be said of me when it's all said and done will I stand for my beliefs or will I turn around and run
Well let the whole world hear me say I'm unashamed
Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
And the truth that changed my life
For the Name above all Names I'm unashamed
And I will live my faith out loud
Take a stand and stand my ground
For the One who took my shame I'm unashamed

I don't answer to the crowd I answer to a King So the louder they shout Oh the louder I sing Yeah

What's gonna be said of me when it's all said and done will I stand for my beliefs or will I turn around and run

Let the whole world hear me say

I'm unashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ

And the truth that changed my life
For the Name above all Names I'm unashamed
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For the One who took my shame I'm unashamed

At the name of Jesus Every knee will bow And every tongue confess So let it start right now

Before you come back Lord Before the rocks cry out I will lift my praise Let it start right now

I'm unashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
And the truth that changed my life
For the Name above all Names I'm unashamed Yeah
And I will live my faith out loud
Take a stand and stand my ground For the One who took my shame
I'm unashamed I'm unashamed
Oh I'm unashamed (I'm unashamed)
I want the world to hear me say
I'm unashamed I'm unashamed
Oh I'm unashamed For the One who took my shame
I'm unashamed Lord I will stand for you

## 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 LESSONS** Psalm 33:18-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10, Luke 12:32-40

Ann Bucci