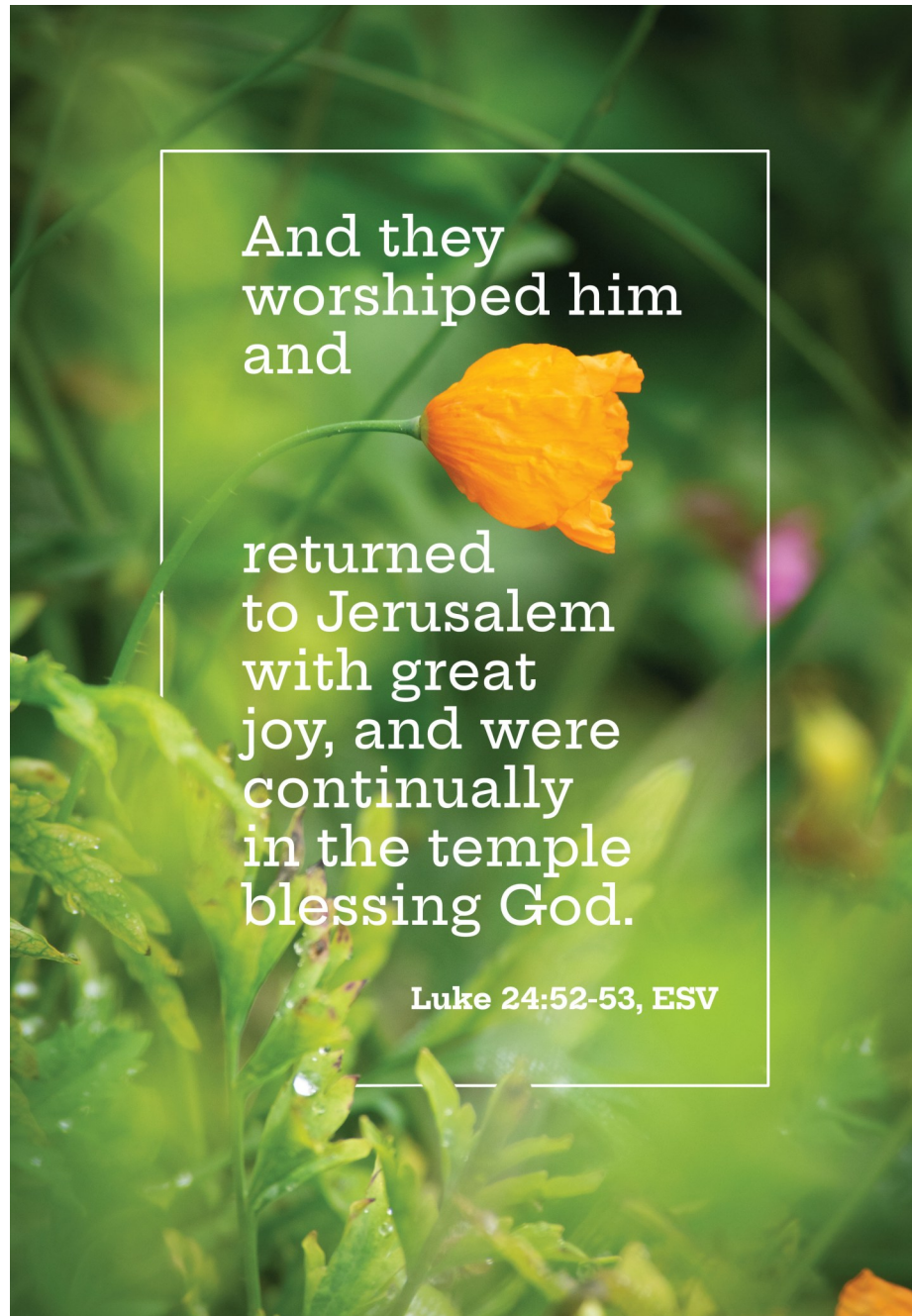


First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC
~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~
~ JUNE 1, 2025 ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ ASCENSION



And they
worshiped him
and

returned
to Jerusalem
with great
joy, and were
continually
in the temple
blessing God.

Luke 24:52-53, ESV

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *"There's always another level up. There's always another ascension. More grace, more light, more generosity, more compassion, more to shed, more to grow."* From Eat Pray Love Elizabeth Gilbert

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PRELUDE *Processional and Trumpet Tune* (Edward H. Wetherill)

Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME

Pastor Jane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL

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) # 564 *He Touched Me*

*Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same*

REFRAIN *He touched me, oh, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul
Something happened, and now I know
He touched me, and made me whole*

*Since I've met this blessed Savior
Since He's cleansed and made me whole
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him (to praise Him)
I'll shout it while eternity rolls* **REFRAIN**

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Clap your hands. Sing for joy!

PEOPLE: ***God's glory is all around.***

LEADER: Rejoice and praise. Worship and pray.

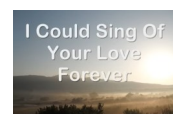
PEOPLE: ***God's glory is in each of us.***

LEADER: Come, let us worship our Lord together this day.

INVOCATION

Ron Stack

PRAISE & WORSHIP VIDEO *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*



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. Amen.*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG—A MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joanie Brown

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 93

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty, the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength. He has established the world, it shall never be moved.

People: ***Your throne is established from old; you are from everlasting.***

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: ***More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!***

Leader: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 1:15-23

GOSPEL READING LUKE: 24:44-53

SERMONIC HYMN *Chalice # 340 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

[Refrain]

*Come home, (Come home,) come home, (come home,)
ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
tho' we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]*

SERMON One more invitation...

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 HOLY COMMUNION

Mary Ann Charron

INVITATION

One: Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

All: *Life that never ends!*

One: Here and now Christ feeds the world!

All: *Plenty for all, enough for today!*

One: Come to the table of justice and joy!

All: *No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!*

One: Let praise go up to God our Life!

All: *From every creature on God's good earth!*

PREFACE

One: How right it is to praise you, gracious God, for in the beginning, when the world was fresh from your hand, you made us neighbors one people in many kinds and lavished on us pleasures too many to name or know! For you we were a sheer delight. For each other, helpers and friends. And so you entrusted to us your justice and your joy.

All: *But we kept them for a few and denied them to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain. And so we broke each other's hearts. But you did not reject us. In the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, full of grace and truth. By his ministry of mercy, you restored us to each other and to you.*

Mending our hearts and repairing the world. And by his Spirit you impel us even now to be for each other what he is for us pardon and peace, blessing and delight. For all your gifts, we thank you!

One: And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy- Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: And we remember that on the night he was handed over, while at supper with his friends, he gave us a pledge of love that does away with death.

He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat, all of you: This is my body, surrendered for you.

And when the supper was over, he took a cup filled with wine, gave thanks for it, and shared it with them, saying: Take and drink, all of you: This is the seal of a new covenant, my poured-out life.

I will drink this cup with you again at the table of God's joy in the New Day that is coming. Whenever you do these things, remember me.

REMEMBERING JESUS

One: And now, O God, we remember Jesus. (A brief silence.)

One: We remember that he forgave our sins.

All: He breathed on us the peace of God.

One: We remember that he called us friends.

All: He taught us to love each other as he loved us.

One: We remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends.

All: To eat with him was to taste how good you are.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

One: Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.

All: May it be for all the Bread of Life!

One: Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

All: May it be for all the Cup of Peace!

One: Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

All: *We pray in the name of the Risen One, who is with us now, and to the end of the age!*

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

PASTOR: Come my sisters and brothers in Christ, the feast is ready, please come to the Table of Remembrance.

COMMUNION VIDEO

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. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.*

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 586 Open My Eyes, That I May See

*1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Benediction* (Harry Someone) Sharon Pinsonnault

Our thanks to everyone who helped with the worship this morning

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., Dave Mallory, Connie Manukka, Carlene Kasuba, Phil Stack, Ethan, Shawn and Becky.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

SUMMER MEALS

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH
FRIDAY, JULY 25TH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR
FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD
UNDER THE TENTS AT OUR
CHURCH
WANT TO HELP?
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

SLATE VALLEY ROTARY'S ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK



**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
SLATE VALLEY "BACK TO
SCHOOL" CLOTHING PROGRAM!**

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Fair Haven Park, (west side) VT

8:00AM REGISTRATION STARTS

9:00 AM RACE START

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Pastor Jane's message a few weeks ago prompted me to rethink my own version of discipleship. After studying I could summarize my thoughts as *discipleship isn't supposed to be convenient*. Believers have come to expect our spiritual lives should fit into our schedules. We want Transformation, but we want it in a 60 minute window on Sundays!

Discipleship isn't meant to be efficient or easy. Jesus meant it to be costly. Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, *"If you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, take up your cross every day, and follow me."*

I remember this scripture from when I was a new believer. I feared what life would be like as a believer. Would my family and friends still be there? How was I supposed to figure out what was expected of me? Fast forward to who I am now and the church family I am part of. If pursuit of a life with Jesus hasn't challenged our egos, life habits or our daily schedule, it might be time to ask yourself if you are following Jesus or simply admiring Him. *Being a disciple can be done in simple steps, but it is not a spectator sport.* So, we will set up a tent in the rain to offer our neighbors something like a warm beverage or sharing our bathroom.

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

To schedule time with a Deacon either in-person or zoom, please contact Eileen via email to be placed on their calendar. Eileen@fhucc.org

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

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Thank you for coming to worship with us!

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