First Congregational Church of Fair Haven, UCC ~ ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ ~ MARCH 30, 2025 ~ HEALING SERVICE





CHRIST AND THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD



THE RAISING OF JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "All our infirmities, whatever they are, are just opportunities for God to display his gracious work in us."





~ MARCH 30, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. David Hegarty

Sharon Pinsonnault

WELCOME Pastor Jane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF THE BELL

MaryAnn & Michelle

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 Chalice # 22 vs. 1 &3 All Creatures of our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

3 O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight,

Refrain

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness, to call to

you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

PEOPLE: Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

LEADER: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as we

hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

PEOPLE: God, our quiet center, listen to our prayers this day.

LEADER: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the

depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

PEOPLE: God—our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you.

LEADER: We come this day O Lord, to worship and praise You.

INVOCATION Mary Ann Charron

PRAISE & WORSHIP Chalice # 555 Through It All (Chorus, sing 3x)

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all,
Through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word

UNISON PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

ALL: Dear God, your gifts are generous and yet we often fail to appreciate what we have been given. We demand more, but squander what we have received. Forgive us for taking for granted what we receive from you. When we fail to accept what you offer, or fail to steward those gifts, bring us back to awareness of you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GRACE

Pastor: However far we wander, God is always ready to receive us, to enfold us in love and grace. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. *ALL:* We thank you Lord, for all the times, over and over again you forgive us. Amen.

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

John Fenwick

HEBREW READING JEREMIAH 30:17 AND 33:6

RESPONSORIAL READING OF PSALM 103:1-5

LEADER: Praise the LORD, my soul! All my being, praise his holy

name!

PEOPLE: Praise the LORD, my soul, and do not forget how kind he is.

LEADER: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

PEOPLE: He keeps me from the grave and blesses me with love and

mercy.

LEADER: He fills my life with good things, so that I stay young and

strong like an eagle.

GOSPEL READING MARK 5:21-43

SERMONIC HYMN Chalice # 518 vs. 1 & 2 This is the Day of New Beginnings

1 This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

2 For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

SERMON Just Believe 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 A TIME OF HEALING, LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

CLOSING HYMN Chalice # 517 vs. 1 & 2 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down; Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Melodie Sacra

David Paxton

Sharon Pinsonnault

Our thanks to everyone who helped with the worship this morning

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

DEACON OF THE MONTH OF MARCH IS LISA FENWICK. Lisa may be reached at joligolfshoes@gmail.com

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, Judy Sheldon, Carlene Kasuba, Alan Wolmuth, Phil Stack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY will meet this morning after worship for discussion and light lunch.

WATCH CHOSEN TOGETHER DURING LENT. The Methodist Church in Poultney has invited us to join them on Friday evenings, at 5:00 PM.

PALM SUNDAY will be celebrated on Sunday, April 13th at 10 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY On April 17th beginning at 5:00 PM followed by a Tenebrae Service with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY Seven Last Words Service on April 18th at 6:00 PM.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE—APRIL 20TH The service will begin at 6:00 AM in the park.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST will follow the Sunrise Service in Reid Chapel. At the end of breakfast we will draw the winner of our Quilt. We hope everyone will come and join us.

EASTER SERVICE will be at 10:00 AM

EASTER LILIES will again be available to be purchased for \$15 each. Please fill out the order form with your dedication.



PLEASE BRINGNON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO SHARE FOR SLATE VALLEY CARES THERE IS A BOX AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE QUEEN SIZE QUILT, 85" X 89" A beautiful quilt made by Clem Levesque, age 91, is hanging in Reed Chapel. Clem donated this quilt to help with fund raising for the organ. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday at the church.



230th Annual Meeting of the Vermont Conference UCC

Location: Grace Congregational UCC, 8 Court St, Rutland, VT

or meet Virtually

Date and time: Fri, May 2, 2025 3:00 PM - Sat, May 3, 2025 5:00 PM

Organizer: Vermont Conference, (802) 505-8727,

treasurer@vermontucc.org

Stewardship Moment

When you walk into our beloved church on Sunday morning at about 9:45 you see plenty of activity as the Ushers greet people, the Deacons are preparing the Sanctuary for worship, music is playing from either the organ or the piano and Pastor Jane is visiting with people. But look closer please. There's so much more going on. There are people upstairs almost invisibly preparing the AV system and the worship PowerPoint for our morning service. Eileen might be upstairs as well conducting the critical business side of our church. Lynn, Joanie or Sharon are speaking quietly about a future worship that will need music. Debbie is making coffee for our fellowship after worship. You might see Kate putting newly made Prayer Shawls in the cabinet. Where are you? What gifts of the Spirit have you brought to our church family? You may not realize how important you are. As Paul said to the Corinthians...

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Thank you for being part of our church family where everyone's gifts are vital to the every day work in our church.



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. <u>Eileen@fhucc.org</u>

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

Karen Festa	802-683-1896
Maryann Charron	802-468-3207
Karyn Jockell	802-278-8058
Lana Petty	802-353-0485

WE TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Trouble with Stairs?

A Handicap RAMP is available on the Caernarvon Street side of Church! You MAY park on the church side of Caernarvon Street during church events.

A handicapped accessible bathroom is available on the main floor of the church.

Parking. Please save spaces near the front of the church for those who have difficulty walking. One handicapped space is available on Caernarvan St. near the ramp.

Pastor Jane LoBrutto janechurchlady@gmail.com 802-430-3636
Church Administrator: Eileen Hurlburt eileen@fhucc.org
Debbie Pratt - Lead Deacon
Sharon Pinsonnault & Joan Brown Organist/Pianist
The Deacons – Social Media

Thank you for coming to worship with us!



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