



The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



Choir Sunday

The Requiem for the Living

by Dan Forrest

March 17, 2024 • 10:00 am



All are Welcome Here!

This is not just a slogan. At FCC, we truly believe that all are welcome. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to join us here. Whether your faith feels strong or you are in the process of searching and questioning, you are welcome to join us here. If you are otherly-abled, straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, non-binary, transgendered or questioning, you are welcome to join us here.

Whether you have been a regular at church or have never been to church, you are welcome to join us either in person or virtually. We openly welcome people of all backgrounds, ages, and perspectives to join us.

We welcome you to journey with us on your faith path and recognize that one person's path will be different than someone else's. As a Christian church, we encourage you to have a relationship with Jesus. You may believe in Jesus as your Savior, your role-model, or the good shepherd guiding you through life. But, whatever your beliefs, we welcome you to join us as we come together virtually and in person to worship together on Sunday mornings. If you are in the Sanctuary with us, we encourage you to fill out the Visitor card and/or Prayer Request card and give it to an Usher as you depart. If you are joining us virtually and have a Prayer Request or would like us to be in touch with you, please feel free to email our Minister (mjacobs@fcc-chappaqua.org). If you'd like to be added to our email list to receive our weekly news, *Thursday's Word*, and other news about FCC, please send your email address to office@fcc-chappaqua.org.

Yes, we have children in worship with us!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Reflecting that spirit, children are always welcome in worship. We strongly believe their participation in all aspects of worship helps them to develop their faith. Children are invited to participate in communion or to receive a blessing during communion, as their parent desires. We have Sunday School for children and youth (typically September through June), and all children are welcome to attend if their parents so choose.

Our Mission Statement

"With open hands and open hearts, we care for each other and the wider world through prayer, connections and compassion. We are compelled by our faith to follow in the path of Jesus Christ, by both listening to and spreading God's love to all people."

Our Vision Statement

"In living our faith and guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we seek to be known as an open and safe place of peaceful reflection and tolerant dialogue. We also seek to lead our community as a voice of hope to foster individual and social compassion."

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Sunday March 17, 2024 • 10:00 am • Choir Sunday

Prelude

A Morning Prelude

-DAN FORREST

Welcome

Centering Music 199

When Jesus Wept

-WHEN JESUS WEPT

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Call to Worship *(responsively)*:

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: Let us cast our burden on the Lord, and God will sustain us.

All: God will never permit the righteous to fall. Come let us worship together.

Music

*Introit - Kyrie**

-DAN FORREST

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Hear my prayer, for unto Thee all flesh shall come.
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy.*

Unison Invocation and Lord's Prayer *(using debts)*:

Gracious and loving God, we come to you this morning in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who is our guide and our light. May that light shine upon us and brighten our way, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We are thankful for your faithfulness and your mercy and grace, which never cease. We now join together in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying, *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen*

Youth Message

Jonathan Riedel

Children's Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll walk with him always.
He leads me by still waters; I'll walk with him always.
Always, always, I'll walk with him always. (2x)

Invitation to Confession:

One: When we gather together, we do so to strengthen our faith and our community. When we gather together to confess our shortcomings, we do so knowing that God's grace is infinite, and that we need only confess with our hearts and God will forgive. Therefore, let us come with open hearts and minds to confess our sins and to seek forgiveness from the one who loves us more than we can ever comprehend.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly God, we are forever in your grace. Forgive our pride, doubt, and selfishness. When we are unable to reach out to those who have wronged us or who we have wronged, help us to move beyond our own fears and doubts and reach out in forgiveness and in love. Help us also to more fully accept your love and grace. Here our silent petitions as we come before you today, seeking your forgiveness.

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Words of Assurance *(responsively)*:

One: To all who seek forgiveness through confession of sin and commitment to change, God responds with mercy and grace.

All: As Lent continues to unfold, may we come to a deeper understanding of God's amazing grace and forgiveness. Let us know in our hearts that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing of Christ's Peace *(responsively)*:

One: With gratitude and love, let us now greet each other – either in person or virtually – and pass our tidings of peace. May the peace of Christ be with you!

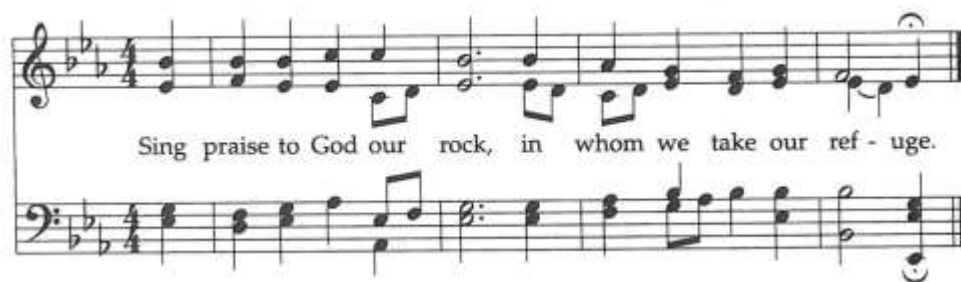
All: And also with you!

Psalm Reading p. 746

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

-HARMONIZED BY MENDELSSOHN

Response



Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. *continued...*

You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Response

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Response

Psalm 121 (King James Version)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Vanitas Vanitatum

Vanitas vanitatum, omnia vanitas!

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Lacrimosa,

et locutus est, pereat dies in qua natus sum.

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity! (from Ecclesiastes)

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

Full of tears, (from the Dies Irae)

he said, Let the day perish wherein I was born.

(from Job 3:2-3)

-DAN FORREST

Prayers of Our People

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.

(Choir and solo)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem, miserere nobis,
dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God,

*who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; grant them rest.*

Lamb of God,

*who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace; have mercy on us; grant them rest.*

The Offering
Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Lux Aeterna

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine:
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum: quia pius es.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

*May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord,
in the company of Thy saints forever:
for Thou art merciful.
Let perpetual light shine on them.*

Come unto me,
all ye who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 28:19)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Dona nobis pacem.

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Grant us peace.*

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Consecration:

God of all mercy and abundance, we thank you for these gifts and promise to use them to the best of our abilities as we follow you on this Lenten path. Through the power of your Spirit, may these gifts be used to bring renewal and resurrection to those who need it most. Amen.

Sanctus

-DAN FORREST

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis!

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest!*

Benediction

Postlude

Oh Danny Boy

Jennifer Dupice, soloist

-OLD IRISH TUNE

*REQUIEM FOR THE LIVING TEXTS

Note: In some cases, the traditional texts have been re-arranged slightly. Some extra-liturgical texts have been interpolated, and the traditional *Dies Irae* has been replaced by a biting essay on the vanity and pain of existence. The two movements which then follow have been inverted from their usual order: the *Agnus Dei* is offered as a prayer to the Lamb of God for an answer to pain and sorrow, and the *Sanctus* then follows as an awe-inspired response.

*Thank
You*

To all who made Choir Sunday possible



SOPRANOS

Jennifer Dapice
Misako Matsuoka
Christina Yedowitz-Nessel

ALTOS

Sue Hacker
Alison Hartwell
Claire Prohl
Urka Swinney

TENORS

David Bickler
Barbara Cardone
John Smith
Chase Tyler

BASSES

Chris Burke
Bill Spade

We thank all who have participated in our morning worship service and in the auxiliary functions.

- Jim Colby is our Host Deacon
- Erin Kirby is our Liturgist
- Jim Colby and Esther Gates are our Ushers

Please join us for Sunday Fellowship in Centennial Hall



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Choir Sunday

10:00 am Worship (S/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

11:30 am Search Committee meeting (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Search Committee "Open Meeting"

The Search Committee is having an "Open Meeting", for any/all of the Congregation who would like to attend.

Monday, March 18

9:15 am Play Care

12:15 pm Play Care Enrichment class (CH)

7:30 pm Trustees meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 19

9:15 am Play Care

1:00 pm Staff meeting (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 am-3:00 pm Play Care (L)

9:15 am Play Care

9:30 am-12:30 pm Chappaqua Garden Club (CH)

12:00 pm Lenten Meditation Service
(S/YouTube)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 (CH)

Thursday, March 21

9:15 am Play Care

9:30 am-12:00 pm Play Care gym class (CH)

11:00 am Congregational Check in (Zoom)

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal (CR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, March 22

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9:15 am Play Care

Saturday, March 23

9:00 am-5:00 pm Babe's Delectables (K)

3:00-6:00 pm Hovy rental (MR)

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA (CH)

NEXT Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Joining Sunday/Baptism

10:00 am Worship (S/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

11:30 am Search Committee meeting (MR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)





Easter Flowers Order Form

Easter flowers always add grace and color to FCC at Easter time. A time to recognize the special people and events that make you smile, warm your heart and make your days a pleasure.

I would like _____Easter Lily (\$20.00 each)

I would like _____Azalea (\$35.00 each)

I would like _____Hydrangea (\$35.00 each)

Name _____

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In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Gratitude of _____

In Celebration of _____

Please make checks payable to *First Congregational Church, "Easter Flowers"* on memo line

To be included in the bulletin, please return this form to the main
office no later than Tuesday, March 19.

Please consider delivering a Lily to church members who are not able to join us for worship, as they become an ongoing gift.

Join us!

All services are
in person
or live Streamed



Lenten Meditation Services
Wednesdays, March 13, 20
12:00 pm

Palm Sunday
March 24 at 10:00 am
Easter Egg coloring
during Sunday Fellowship



Maundy Thursday Service
March 28 at 7:00 pm
Upper Room Meal, Communion
and Worship Service

Good Friday Meditation Service
March 29 at 7:00 pm



Easter Sunday Services
March 31

8:00 am Early Worship in Memorial Room
8:30 am Light Breakfast

10:00 am in Sanctuary
11:15 am Easter Brunch

Easter Egg Hunt (for ages 1-10) at 11:30 am