



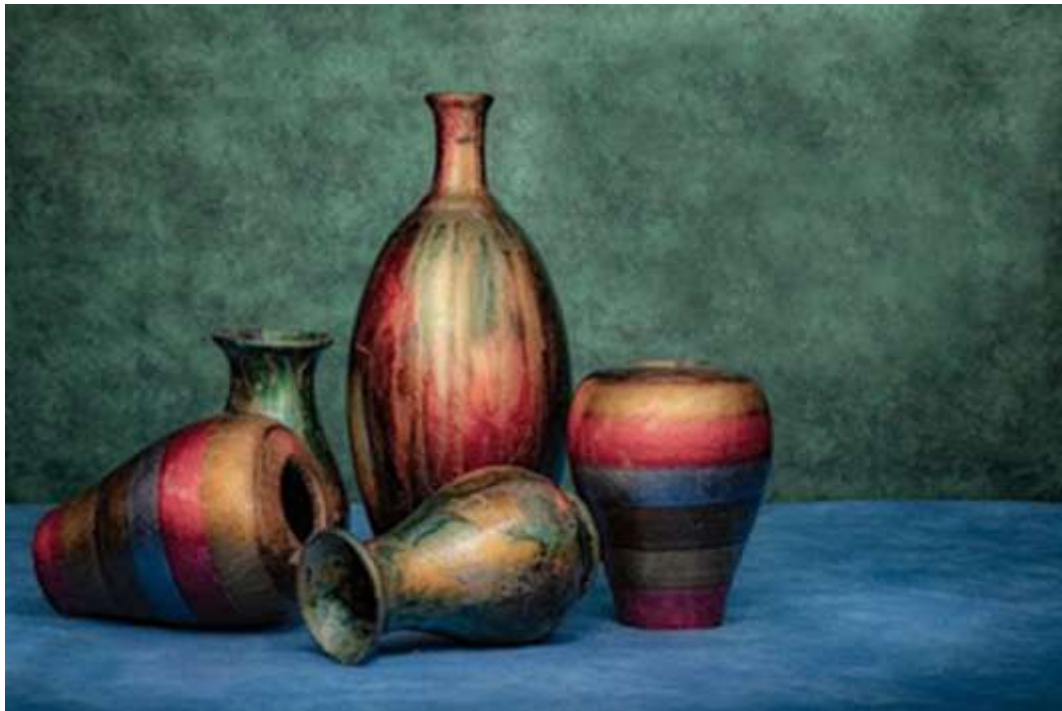
# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



*“The Outpouring of a Mother’s Love”*

May 12, 2024 • 10:00 am  
Mother’s Day



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Prelude

*Spirit in the Sky*

-GREENBAUM

Welcome

Centering Music

*Bless Us With Your Grace*

-ROBELLARD

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'In our words and in our deeds bless us with Your grace.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics 'Bless us with Your grace. Bless us with Your grace.' are written below the notes.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: As we come today to worship, let us give thanks for the many blessings we have.

All: Let us give thanks for our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us.

One: Let us give thanks for all who have sustained us in our lives.

All: Let us give thanks for this church and for all who worship with us. Come let us worship together.

Hymn No. 546

*Amazing Grace*

-NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

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

Holy God, we worship this morning with great thanks in our hearts for this day. May we be filled anew with your love and your grace. We know that you dwell with us and within us and we are so grateful for your love for us. Be with us as we pray the prayer that our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, taught us, 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**

*This is My Commandment*

This is my commandment, that you love one another, that your joy may be full  
This is my commandment, that you love one another, that your joy may be full  
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full  
This is my commandment, that you love one another, that your joy may be full

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:

**God, sometimes we don't understand what is going on around us. Sometimes we aren't sure that we are doing your will. Sometimes we look for answers and other times we forget to pause and listen for the wisdom that you might be trying to impart to us. Forgive us when we rush into things. Forgive us when we forget to stop and listen for your guidance. Help us as we seek to serve those in need to the best of our ability.**

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: Even when we doubt and make mistakes, Christ does not desert us. In those times when our faith falters, we know that we do not walk alone through whatever is going on for us. God hears our prayers and pleas and provides grace and forgiveness. Praise God, we are forgiven.

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!

## Scriptures

*Psalm 104:1-4, 10-24, 33-35*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind; you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart. The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that God planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

*2 Kings 4:1-7 (Robert Alter translation)*

And a certain woman from the wives of the acolyte prophets had cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant, my husband, died. And you know that your servant was a Lord fearer. And the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.” And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your servant has nothing at all in the house except a cruse of oil.” And he said, “Go, borrow vessels for yourself from outside, from all your neighbors—empty vessels, and not just a few. And you shall come and close the door behind you and behind your sons, and you shall pour into these vessels, and the full ones you shall set aside.” And she went from him and closed the door behind her and behind her sons. They were bringing the vessels to her and she was pouring. And it happened when the vessels were full that she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel,” and he said to her, “There are no more vessels.” And the oil stopped. And she came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons will live off what is left.”

Hymn

*Thy Word*

-THY WORD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

Sermon

*“The Outpouring of a Mother’s Love”*

Rev. Martha

Hymn No. 570

*Sweet Hour of Prayer!*

-SWEET HOUR

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
**and bids me at my Father’s throne**  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
**and oft escaped the tempter’s snare**  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
**I’ll cast on him my every care,**  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Prayers of Our People

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

*As I Went Down to the River to Pray*

-TRADITIONAL

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:

Loving God, through the resurrection you express a forgiveness grand and generous. You affirm the value of life in a manner both gracious and bold. As recipients of your forgiveness, we offer ourselves and all of the gifts we bring. Use them, we pray, to care for those in need and to inspire in us a renewal of your Spirit. Life-giving God, accept our gratitude and our gifts. In the matchless name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 585

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

-CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

**In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Benediction

Postlude

*Will the Circle be Unbroken*

-CHARLES H. GABRIEL

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

• Jim Colby is our Host Deacon

• Mark Barth is our Liturgist

• Carl Thorsberg and Mark Barth are our Ushers

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Christina Yedowitz-Nessel  
in honor of her mother, Carol. Happy Mother's Day!*

Please join us for Sunday Fellowship in Centennial Hall



**The Search Committee is having an “Open Meeting”**  
on Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 am, in the Memorial Room,  
for any/all of the Congregation who would like to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the results of the recent Spiritual Survey and discuss our progress to date regarding the development of the Church Profile.

Please join us! It is important that we accurately reflect views and opinions of all.



# Calendar



## TODAY Sunday, Sunday, May 12

*Mother's Day*

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)



10:00 am **Worship** (S/YouTube)

11:15 am **Sunday Fellowship** (CH)

7:30 pm **AA** (CH)

## Monday, May 13

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

9:00-5:15 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am-12:00 pm **Play Care P/T confs** (MR)

1:00 pm **Play Care Enrichment class** (C)

4:00-5:15 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)

7:00-9:00 pm **Troop 2 Eagle Bd of Review** (MR)

## Tuesday, May 14

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

9:00-7:00 pm LPO rental (K)

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am-12:00 pm **Play Care P/T confs** (MR)

5:00-7:00 pm Chappaqua Garden Club (CH)

7:30 pm **AA** (CH)

## Wednesday, May 15

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

8:00 am-1:00 pm Chappaqua Garden Club (CH)

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am-12:00 pm **Play Care P/T confs** (MR)

7:30 pm **Boy Scouts Troop 2** (CH)

## Thursday, May 16

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am-12:00 pm **Two by Two Zoo** (outside)

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

11:00 am **Congregational Check-in** (Zoom)

**12:30 pm Ladies' Lunch** (K,MR)

7:15-8:30 pm **Choir Rehearsal** (CR)

7:30 pm **AA** (CH)

## Friday, May 17

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am-12:00 pm **Play Care P/T confs** (MR)

## Saturday, May 18

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

9:00 am-12:00 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco **AA** (MR)

## NEXT Sunday, May 19

*Community Yard Sale* (Stage, L)

10:00 am **Worship** (S/YouTube)

11:15 am **Sunday Fellowship** (CH)

11:30 am **Gala Committee meeting** (L)

11:30 am **Search Committee Open mtg** (MR)

7:30 pm **AA** (CH)