



# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



*Bible Stories Live!*

June 9, 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](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

*River Flows in You*

-YIRUMA

Welcome

Centering Music 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.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: Oh God, of Heaven and Earth, how majestic are your works!

All: From the mouths of babes and infants come songs of gratitude.

One: Come marvel at the works of God: the skies, the lands, and the seas!

All: Come children of all ages! Come let us worship together.

Song

*This Little Light of Mine*

-Traditional

*Chorus:* 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

**Don't you go and \_\_\_ it out**

**I'm gonna let it shine**

*(Repeat 2 more times)*

Hide it under a bushel? No!

**I'm gonna let it shine**

*(Repeat 2 more times)*

All around FCC I'm gonna let it shine

All around FCC I'm gonna let it shine

All around FCC I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

*Repeat Chorus*

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

Gracious God, be with us now in this time of celebration and caring. We hope to be good care-takers of the Earth and good citizens of the world. Open our minds to good ways of thinking. Bring us together with your love. We pray to you now the prayer that Jesus 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*

### 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, we come before you this morning knowing that we have not done everything **that is helpful to others. We know that we have made mistakes and don't always use our best judgment.** We know that we are, at times, more concerned for ourselves than others. Help us, dear Jesus, to remember that you are always with us, even in those moments when we make mistakes. Forgive us for the things we have done wrong and help us as we try to do better.

### 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: Through God's love, we are given new hope and strength.** Praise God, we are forgiven.

### Baptism

Baptism of James and Madelyn Kirby

### Introduction

### Questions of Parents

Minister: Do you desire to have your children baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: Will you teach your children so that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

*Parents: We will, with the help of God.*

Minister: **Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus, to show love and justice and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?**

*Parents: We will, with the help of God.*

Minister: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with these children in the Christian faith, to help these children to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

*Parents: We will, with the help of God.*

Questions of Godparent

Minister: Do you desire to be the godparent of these children and will you grow with them in Christian faith and teach them to be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

*Godparent: I will, with the help of God.*

Minister: Will you support and help their parents as they help these children to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

*Godparent: I will with the help of God.*

Affirmation by Congregation

Minister: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to James and Madelyn as they live and grow in Christ?

Congregation: We promise our love, support and care.

Blessing of the Water

O God, we give you thanks for the gift of water. Over water your Holy Spirit brooded in creation to bring forth the earth. Through water you led the Israelites to deliverance in the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan, John baptized Jesus. With water Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and taught them to serve. In the waters of baptism, we die **with Christ in order to rise with Christ, to be born anew in Christ's Spirit. Bless now, this** water, and change it from its common use to its sacred use. May what we do here now on earth be confirmed in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Act of Baptism

Unison Prayer for James and Madelyn

O God, uphold James and Madelyn by your Holy Spirit. Increase in them from day to day your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding; of counsel, courage and might; of knowledge and reverence of God; of joy and love. Bless their parents and Godmother. May they always show their gratitude by loving and caring for James and Madelyn. Bless all of us and unite us in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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!

# Bible Stories Live!

## Song

## ***I'm Gonna Swim***

-Jonathan Riedel

### *Verse 1:*

When water's deep  
and tides are rising  
And when the storms  
Are blowing in  
You see the dams  
Are fit for bursting  
You've got to swim  
You've got to swim

### *Verse 2:*

I'm gonna flap  
My hands like flippers  
I'm gonna kick  
My fishy fins  
I'm gonna flip, spin, dip,  
Through the riptides  
And dive on in  
And dive on in

### *Chorus 1:*

**I'm gonna swim**  
Through this world  
Through this dream  
And everything

**I'm gonna swim**  
through my days  
**'Round the stones**  
And up the streams

**I'm gonna swim**  
through this life  
**Like it's just**  
another sea

**I'm gonna swim, swim, swim**  
**I'm gonna swim, swim, swim**

### *Verse 3:*

We'll find a home  
We'll form a family  
We'll make a school  
That all fit in  
And we'll teach faith, hope, love  
Down the river  
And how to swim  
And how to swim

### *Chorus 2:*

We're gonna swim  
Through this world  
Through this dream  
And everything

**We're gonna swim**  
through our days  
**'Round the stones**  
And up the streams

**We're gonna swim**  
through this life  
**Like it's just**  
another sea

**We're gonna swim, swim, swim**  
**We're gonna swim, swim, swim**

*Chorus but with "doot-doot-doo"s  
(and do the hokey pokey)*

Doot-doot-doot-doo...

**We're gonna swim, swim, swim**  
**We're gonna swim, swim, swim**

### *Verse 4:*

If God is Love  
and Love is Spirit  
and Spirit's Water,  
the living kind,  
then life is one great big  
rolling ocean  
Let's all jump in  
Let's take a swim!  
"Cannonball!"

*Repeat Chorus 2!*

*Repeat Chorus 2 one more time!*

Recognitions

Prayers of Our People

The Offering

Call to Offering  
Offertory Music

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

-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:

Spirit of love and power, use these gifts to help heal our world. Guide us in acts of service and accept these offerings with our most humble gratitude. May what we give help to renew our spirits and bring us peace. Amen.

Song

*Deep and Wide*  
Deep and wide, deep and wide,  
there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.  
Deep and wide, deep and wide,  
there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

Benediction

Postlude

*He's a Christian*

-ZIMMER

THANK  
YOU!

Thank you to our Youth and Jonathan Riedel  
for the wonderful Bible Stories Live!



*FCC's Tag Sale / Community Yard Sale*

Saturday, June 15 10:00am-3:00pm

(rain date Sunday, June 16, 12-5pm)

**Volunteers are needed to pre-price, help setup and sell.**

Attached is a [flyer](#) to share with family and friends.

ACCEPTING: Small portable furniture, bric-a-brac, lamps, toys, small kitchen appliances, household wares, jewelry, sporting goods, designer handbags. *NO clothing, shoes, linens, electronics, luggage, TVs, computers, stuffed animals, books, exercise equipment and large furniture.*



# Calendar



## TODAY Sunday, June 9

Church School Day/Bible Stories Live!

Kirby Baptisms

Recognition Sunday

Community Yard Sale (Stage, L, MR)

9:30 am Blessing of the Animals (playground)

10:00 am Worship (S/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship Lunch (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

## Monday, June 10

Community Yard Sale (CH, MR, Stage, L)

Rev. Martha's Sabbatical starts

10:00 am-2:00 pm Community Yard Sale  
donations accepted

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

## Tuesday, June 11

Community Yard Sale (CH, MR, Stage, L)

9:15 am-1:00 pm Play Care Mini Camp

10:00 am-2:00 pm Community Yard Sale  
donations accepted

7:30 pm AA (CH)

## Wednesday, June 12

Community Yard Sale (CH, MR, Stage, L)

9:15 am-1:00 pm Play Care Mini Camp

10:00 am-2:00 pm Community Yard Sale  
donations accepted

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 (CH)

## Thursday, June 13

Community Yard Sale (CH, MR, Stage, L)

9:15 am-1:00 pm Play Care Mini Camp

7:30 pm AA (CH)

## Friday, June 14

Community Yard Sale (CH, MR, Stage, L)

9:15 am Play Care

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

## Saturday, June 15

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Community Yard Sale

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA  
(MR)



## NEXT Sunday, June 16

Community Yard Sale Rain date

10:00 am Worship (S/YouTube)

-Jonathan Riedel preaching

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship Lunch (CH)

12:00 am-5:00 pm Community Yard Sale  
Rain date

7:30 pm AA (CH)



Key: Centennial Hall (CH); Choir Room (CR); Classroom (CL);  
Kitchen (K); Library (L); Memorial Room, (MR); Play Care (PC);  
Sanctuary (S)