

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church



Mini Music Sunday

October 12, 2025 • 10:00 am

Welcome to FCC — We're So Glad You're Here



"All Are Welcome" isn't just a slogan - it's how we live. Whether you're grounded in faith or full of questions...Young or old, neuro-diverse or otherly-abled....Whatever your race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, political views, marital status, income level, or

background - You can belong here. We believe every person is a child of God, and every voice is essential to who we are as a family of faith.

Maybe you've gone to church your whole life - or maybe this is your very first time in a place like this. Either way, we're grateful you're here. It takes courage to show up, especially if church has ever felt like a place of hurt, judgment, or confusion. We hope this community feels different. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, we're rooted in a rich history of Christian faith and justice.

As a church, we seek to follow Jesus and explore what that means in today's changing world. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey—curious, committed, cautious, or questioning—we're grateful you're here to grow with us.

If you're worshiping in person for the first time, we invite you to fill out a **Visitor Card.** Prayer requests can also be written and handed to an usher.

Worshiping online? Have a question or want to get more involved?

Pastor Siobhan would love to hear from you at <u>pastorsiobhan@fcc-chappaqua.org</u>. To receive our weekly *Thursday's Word* newsletter, contact <u>office@fcc-chappaqua.org</u>.

And yes, children are joyfully welcome in worship!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14). We believe children aren't just the future of the church—they help reveal the heart of God right now. Their voices, questions, wiggles, giggles—and yes, even cries or joyful shouts—are welcome here. We celebrate the life they bring, even when it doesn't follow the script. Children are invited to receive communion or a blessing and may also join our Sunday School program (September–June), if families choose. For more information you can reach our Director of Christian Education Jonathan Riedel at ce@fcc-chappaqua.org

We hope you feel at home, for truly your presence is a blessing to us.

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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If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Siobhan at 917-892-8521

First Congregational Church Sunday, October 12, 2025 • 10:00 am Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude Greensleeves -Vaughan Williams

Welcome

Announcements

Centering Music

The Summons (see insert)

Call to Worship:

One: Why have we come together in this place?

All: We are here to trust in the promise of God's abundance.

One: Will we risk letting go of fear, to live as children of God's love?

All: We have come to open ourselves to God's grace and mercy.

One: Come then, and receive the gifts of God with joy.

All: We open our lives to the Spirit, that we may be renewed.

*Opening Hymn

Welcome (see insert)

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

Generous God, You pour out blessings beyond what we can measure. In this hour of worship, teach us to trust in Your abundance. Free us from fear, open us to grace, and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may live with joy and thanksgiving. And now let us continue to pray the words Jesus himself 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 forever and ever. Amen

Youth Message Jonathan Riedel

Invitation to Confession:

One: Friends, the good news of our faith is this: there is no place we can go where God's love does not reach us, no burden too heavy for God's mercy, no wound too deep for God's healing. Confession is not about shame—it is about truth. It is about bringing our whole selves before God, trusting that God meets us with compassion and grace. So let us come, not in fear, but in hope, opening our lives to the One who renews us and makes us whole.

^{*} Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always live as You call us to live. We turn from love, we neglect our neighbors, and we lose sight of Your presence. Yet You are faithful, and Your grace meets us even in our wandering. Forgive us, O God. Renew our hearts, guide our steps, and shape our lives so that we may walk in Your way of love. Amen.

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Hymn

Change My Heart O God (see insert)

Words of Assurance (responsively):

One: Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than our mistakes and deeper than our regrets. In Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and made new.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of Christ's Peace (responsively)

One: Celebrating God's amazing grace, let us now share that grace with one another. Please rise in body or in spirit, to pass the peace of Christ with one another---either in person or virtually. May the Peace of Christ be with!

All: And also with you!

Scriptures

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samar'ia and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Musical Offering

Acclamation from Gospel Mass

-ROBERT RAY

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*Hymn No. 619

My Life Flows On

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

<u>Refrain:</u> No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What through my joys and conforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What through the darkness gather round? Songs in teh night he giveth. /Refrain/

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? /Refrain]

Prayers of Our People

Prayer Song 555

Through It All

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 on God's word.

The Offering
Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Sanctus

-ROBERT RAY

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (see insert)

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, all that we have comes from You, and all that we are is held in Your care. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to bless the world You so love. Take our offerings, take our lives, and make them instruments of Your peace, justice, and compassion. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

We Are Called (see insert)

Benediction

Postlude Toccata -WIDOR

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The Summons

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MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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WORDS: Laurie Zelman MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

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Change My Heart, O God

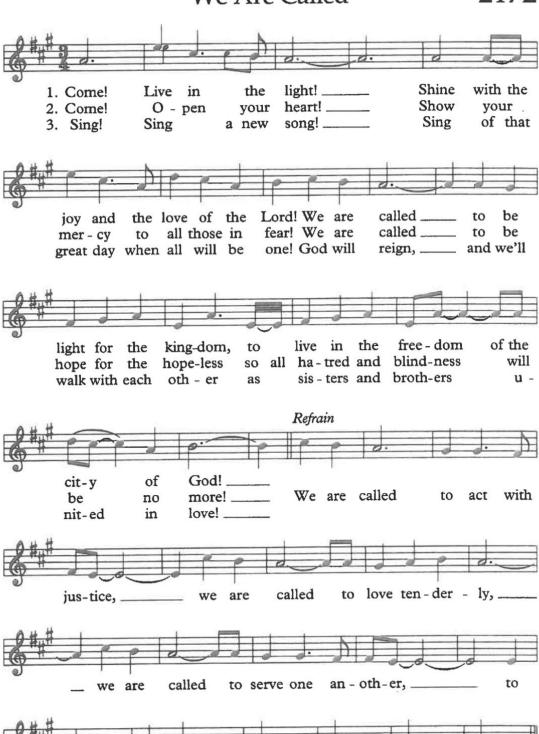


WORDS: Eddie Espinosa (Isa. 64:8) MUSIC: Eddie Espinosa

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CHANGE MY HEART Irregular

We Are Called



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WE ARE CALLED Irregular with Refrain



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

- Thank you to our Host Deacon
 - Mark Barth is our Liturgist
- Esther Gates and Robin Stout are our Ushers

Please join us for coffee/snacks and fellowship in the Centennial Hall following worship.



To all who made this Mini Music Sunday possible!



SOPRANOS

Jennífer Dapice Alíson Hartwell Mísako Matsuoka Christína Yedowítz-Nessel

<u>tenors</u>

David Bickler Barbara Cardone John Smith

ALTOS

Sue Hacker Claire Prohl Urka Swinney

BASSES

Bíll Spade Chase Tyler



TODAY Sunday, October 12

Mini Choir Sunday
10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)
11:15 am Sunday Fellowship
7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, October 13
FCC Office Closed
Play Care Closed

Tuesday, October 14
9:15 am Play Care
1:30 pm Staff Meeting (MR)
7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, October 15
9:15 am Play Care
9:30 am LPO Kitchen Rental (K)
10:00 am Garden Club Rental (CH)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 (CH)

Calendar



Thursday, October 16
9:15 am Play Care
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)
7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, October 17
9:15 am Play Care
2:00-6:00 pm Babe's Delectables kitchen
rental (K)
7:30 pm AA CH)

Saturday, October 18 9:00 - 12:00 pm Soccer Shots (lawn) 7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

NEXT Sunday, October 19

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)
11:15 am Sunday Fellowship
11:30 am Board of Worship Meeting (MR)
7:30 pm AA (CH)

