

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



February 15, 2026 • 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 worshipping 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.

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

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

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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Prelude

Times They Are a Changin'

-DYLAN

Welcome

Centering Music

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Call to Worship:

One: In the bright revealing of this new day, God gathers us in. Not to prove how much we can do, but to practice how deeply we can breathe. This is why we are here:

All: We come seeking light—and steadier hearts.

One: Here we learn the art of holy pausing, the gentle work of regulation and rest, like snow that softens every sharp edge— and grace that comforts the soul.

All: We come longing for stability—and space to play.

One: Epiphany is a season of noticing— doors opening, paths widening, life stretching toward growth even in the cold.

All: We come ready for new beginnings—and joyful unfolding.

One: So bring your whole self to the One who meets us with light: your wonder and your weariness, your restless energy, your open-hearted courage.

All: Let us worship God, who warms what has grown numb, and invites us to move, to grow, and to rejoice.

One: The light of Christ is with us!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn No. 631

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;

shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,

true to our God, true to our native land.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Unison Prayer of Invocation:

Revealing God, you meet us in the turning of ordinary weeks and gather us by the light of Christ. Through our time together today, teach our bodies to breathe with your Spirit, and our minds to pause without fear. Where our edges feel sharp, soften us with grace. Where our hearts feel hurried, steady us with love. Open in us the playful courage to grow, and make this hour a place of listening. Help us to recognize your presence, so that we might deepen our faith, become kinder to ourselves, and more alive to one another. Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*using debts*) (*responsively*):

One: And now let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught...

All: 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, we confess because honesty keeps a church alive. We do not come to recite perfect words—we come to tell the truth about our imperfect lives. Confession helps us notice what needs healing, name what has grown tangled, and remember who we are meant to be. We confess together because church is where private truth becomes shared healing. We confess so that, through shared accountability, we can reset and turn back toward grace—trusting always that God longs to welcome and receive us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: God of stability and truth, we bring you the real story of our lives and our world. We confess that we have hurried when we could have paused, turned away from suffering we could have faced, and closed our hearts to voices you were asking us to hear. Forgive what has grown tangled in us—habits that ignore our neighbors, fears that protect only our comfort, and pride that forgets the common good. Help us to hold one another in mercy and to learn a better road together. Inspire us once again to become the church you imagine: honest in speech, patient in love, playful in hope, courageous in growth, and faithful in seeking justice. Amen.

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

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.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*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 you!

All: And also with you!

Song

Blowin' in the Wind

-DYLAN

Scriptures:

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

So Moses rose with his servant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, "Tarry here for us, until we come to you again; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a cause, let him go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Refrain: Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Refrain

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Refrain

Prayers of Our People

Keith Robellard

Announcements

Keith Robellard

The Offering

Call to Offering: *We now invite the ushers to come forward as we receive our gifts and offering*

Offertory Anthem

No Easy Walk to Freedom

-OETER YARROW & MARGIE TABANKIN

*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 Dedication

Gracious and Holy God, you receive us as we are, with hearts that are willing. We trust you to take what we offer today—the gifts in this plate and the lives we live each day—and bless them in the name of Jesus. Use us and our offerings for healing and hope, for the love Jesus lived and the justice Jesus named. By your gentle Spirit, let the gifts we give bear fruit in this world beyond what we could ever imagine. Amen.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*Closing Hymn No. 677

Let There Be Peace on Earth

-WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Sending Forth

One: People of God, the light of Christ has found us here.

All: We will follow that light into the world.

One: Let love be our work.

All: Let justice be our song.

One: Wherever the Spirit sends us—

All: God will make more of us than we imagine.

One: Let us go now from this place, nourished for the journey ahead.

All: With willing and hopeful hearts, we are ready to serve.

One: *And as you remain standing, let us receive this benediction.*

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Song

If I Had a Hammer

-HAYS & SEEGER



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

- Robin Stout is our Host Deacon
- Esther Gates is our Liturgist
- Chase Tyler is our Usher

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, February 15

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship

11:15-11:45 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)

4:00-6:00 pm Community Dinner

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, February 16 - *President's Day*

FCC Offices Closed

Play Care Closed

Tuesday, February 17 - *Lunar New Year*

FCC Offices Closed

Play Care Closed

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, February 18 - *Ash Wednesday*

Play Care Closed

Thursday, February 19

Play Care Closed

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, February 20

Play Care Closed

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, February 21

5:00 - 11:00 pm Riedel Party (CH)

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

NEXT Sunday, February 22

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am Worship

Rev. Doug Cunningham preaching (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

11:15-11:45 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)



COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us for a
Community Dinner
TODAY

4:00 - 6:00 pm
here at FCC

This special event, in partnership with Pop Up Pantry Chappaqua, is open to everyone and free of charge.

Please bring a dessert to share.

Donations of canned goods/nonperishables will be collected for the food pantry.