

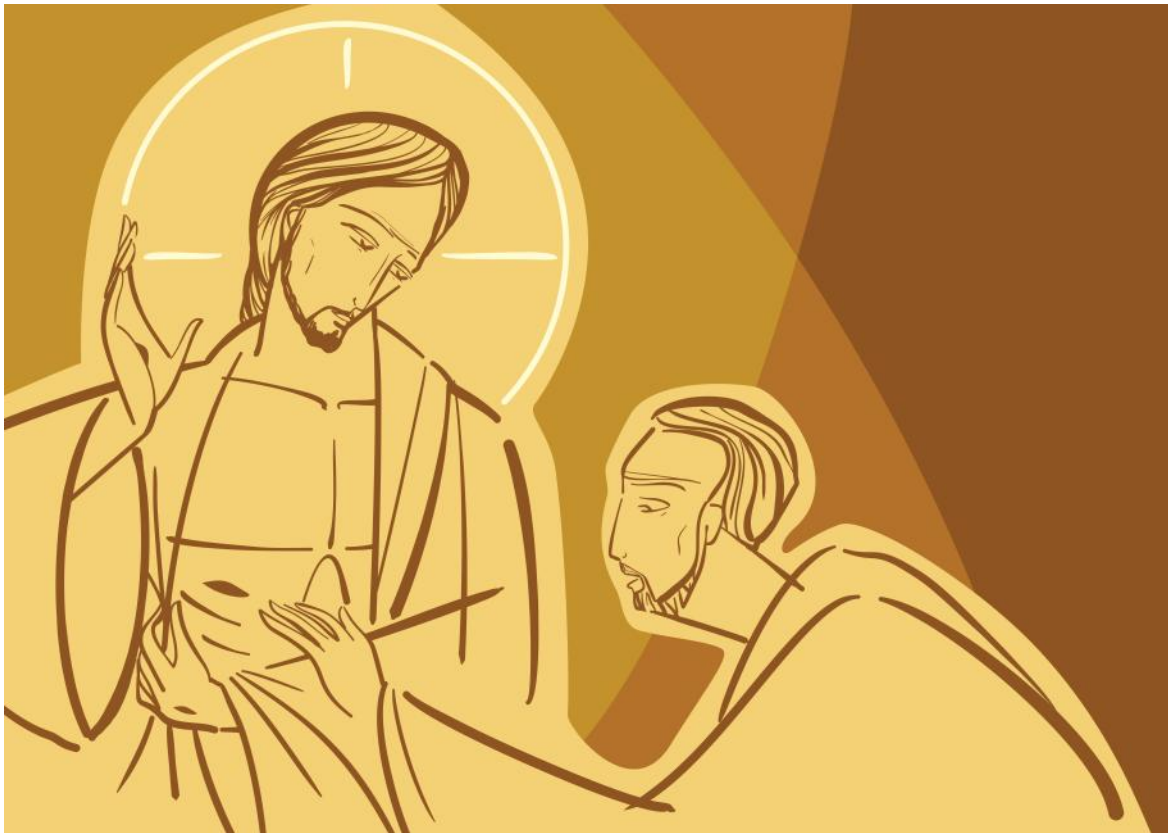
The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“The Space Between”

April 12, 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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First Congregational Church
Sunday, April 12, 2026 • 10:00 am
Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Pastoral Symphony

-G.F. HANDEL

Welcome

Centering Music No.106

Alleluia

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: Beloved, we gather in the presence of the risen Christ, alive and among us.

All: We come to see and to be seen.

One: Like Mary in the garden, like the disciples behind locked doors, like travelers on the road...

All: We come, longing to recognize Jesus in our everyday lives.

One: Let us open our hearts to the One who calls us by name and meets us where we are.

All: We open them to wonder, to healing, and to new life.

One: Let us proclaim together, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn No. 22

All Creatures of Our God and King

-LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blazing fire who lights the night, Providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part,
Sing praises, Alleluia!

You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Gracious and loving God, you come to us through the living Christ—even when our doors are closed, even when our hearts are slow to understand. You call us by name. You meet us in our questions. You walk beside us, even when we do not see. Help us to experience your Spirit in this time together. Come, and sit with us for a while, not because you are absent, but because we are learning to recognize you. Open our eyes in this hour of worship, that we might see you at work in our lives once again. And as you have taught us, we pray together, saying:

Lord's Prayer (*using debts*):

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, in this season of Easter, we hear the same story again and again that Christ is alive and yet not always recognized. Mary thinks he's the gardener. The disciples are behind locked doors. Thomas isn't sure what to believe. It's not that Jesus isn't present, it's that they don't see him at first. And if we're honest, neither do we. So this is the moment in our worship where we tell the truth, not about being bad, but about missing what is right in front of us. And we trust that even then, Christ still comes to us. So let us pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: God, you are alive and among us, and still, we do not always see you. We look for you in certainty, but you meet us in mystery. We expect you in power, but you come in quiet ways. We close our doors in fear. We mistake you for something else. We struggle to trust what we cannot yet see. Forgive us for forgetting that you are near. Open our eyes. Soften our hearts. Help us recognize you in our everyday lives. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!

*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!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Scripture: *John 20:19-31*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"The Space Between"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Anthem

Shout Hallelujah to the Risen Lamb

-VICTOR JOHNSON

Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

From the 'Messiah'

JENNIFER DAPICE, SOLOIST

-G.F. HANDEL

*Festival Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God, bless the gifts we offer today, and help us to show up for others the way you show up for us with enduring love and abiding care. Open our eyes to see where you are already at work, and give us the courage to join you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 218

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Benediction

Postlude

Jubilation

-PAYNE

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Robin Stout is our Host Deacon
- Sue Hacker is our Liturgist
- Kathie and Bill Swenson are our Ushers

The single blue flower on the altar this morning is in celebration of the birth of Wesley Robert Kirby on March 12. Parents are Erin and Rob Kirby

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, April 12

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)
11:15 am Sunday Fellowship
11:15 am Music Committee Meeting (MR)
4:00-6:00 pm Community Dinner (CH)
 7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, April 13

9:15 am Play Care
 1:00-3:00 pm Pop Up Food Pantry (L)
 4:00-6:15 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)
7:30 pm Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 14

9:15 am Play Care
 7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, April 15

9:15 am Play Care
 10:00 am Chappaqua Garden Club Mtg.
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 16

9:15 am Play Care
 7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, April 17

9:15 am Play Care
 7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, April 18

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots
 9:30-11:30am PopUp
 Food Pantry
7:00-10:00 pm Game Night (CH)
 7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA



NEXT Sunday, April 19

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)
11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)
11:15-11:45 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)
 7:30 pm AA (CH)

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