

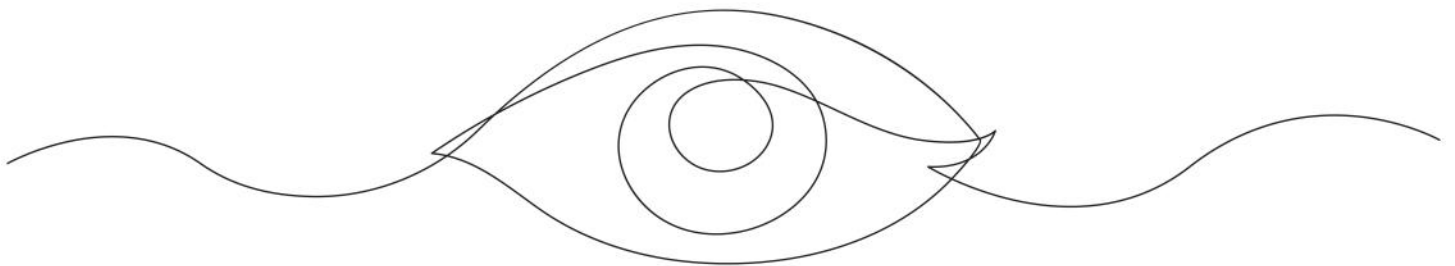
# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



“I Spy”

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 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](mailto:pastorsiobhan@fcc-chappaqua.org). To receive our weekly *Thursday's Word* newsletter, contact [office@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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FCC Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm

**If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Siobhan (917) 892-8521**

Find us on YouTube: [@fccchappaqua7354](https://www.youtube.com/@fccchappaqua7354) and Facebook: [fcc-chappaqua.org](https://www.facebook.com/fcc-chappaqua.org)

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*Sunday, April 19, 2026 • 10:00 am*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

Prelude

*Aria*

-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. 21

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

-LLANFAIR

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia  
“Glory be to God on High!”, Alleluia  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia  
Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia  
Prophets burning with God’s word, Alleluia  
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia  
Add your voices to the song, Alleluia

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia  
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia  
Join with children’s songs of praise, Alleluia  
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

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, we believe that the risen Christ is always drawing near meeting us in ordinary moments and familiar places. And yet, so often, we do not recognize that presence. We are busy, distracted, or carrying more than we can hold. Day by day, we lose sight of where grace is already showing up in our lives. Confession, then, is the honest work of taking stock of noticing where we miss what is right in front of us. Not with shame, but with openness. Trusting that even now, Christ is meeting us here. So let us pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**All: Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often lose sight of where you are showing up in our lives. Your love and grace surround us, and still, we do not always see. Forgive us, we pray. Slow us down, wake us up, and open our eyes, that we might recognize your Spirit wherever we might be. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

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!**

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Scripture: *Luke 24:13-35*

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us<sup>[b]</sup> while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: The word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*"I Spy"*

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Anthem

*Day To Sing Alleluia*

-CHOPLIN

Prayers of Our People

Announcements

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

The Offering  
Call to Offering  
Offertory Anthem

*Assurance*

-J.N. BECK

\*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. 226

***He Lives!***

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever others say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Chorus: He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me, I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. (*Chorus*)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind (*Chorus*)

Benediction

Postlude

***Overture from 'The Royal Fireworks'***

-G.F. HANDEL

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

- Judy Jones is our Host Deacon
  - Esther Gates is our Liturgist
- Judy Jones and Jim Colby are our Ushers
- Sue Hacker is hosting Sunday Fellowship

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



## Calendar



### TODAY 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)

### Thursday, April 23

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Friday, April 24

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Monday, April 20

**9:15 am Play Care**

1:00-3:00 pm Pop Up Food Pantry (L)

4:00-6:15 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)

### Saturday, April 25

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

9:30-11:30am PopUp Food Pantry

5:00-10:00 pm McCauley Private Rental (CH)

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA

### Tuesday, April 21

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### NEXT Sunday, April 26

**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)

### Wednesday, April 22

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

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Church of Chappaqua  
& NAMI Westchester present

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**NAMI WESTCHESTER**  
First 40 tickets purchased include  
exclusive cocktail hour at 6pm  
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from Black Bird Restaurant.



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OF CHAPPAQUA**



**TOGETHER**  
*we are*

**NAMI Walks**  
Westchester

Join Us!  
**2026**

*Register Now!*  
Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 8:30AM  
Ridge Road Park  
(287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY)  
[namiwalks.org/westchester](http://namiwalks.org/westchester)



#### Why We Walk

Mental health matters to us. We are walking with NAMI Walks Westchester to create awareness, reduce stigma and support local programs.



#### Join My Team

Walk with us on May 16 and stand alongside our community in support for Mental Health for All.



#### Donate to My Team

Every contribution, big or small, directly supports no cost mental health programs for individuals and families.



#### Make a Local Impact

Your support helps ensure no one in Westchester faces mental health challenges alone.

Scan the QR code to join our team or make a donation



<https://www.namiwalks.org/teams/80416>

For more information, contact Pastor Siobhan Sargent, [pastorsiohban@fcc-chappaqua.org](mailto:pastorsiohban@fcc-chappaqua.org)

Registration is free. Registered participants earn a T-shirt when they individually raise \$100 or more (limited to one per qualifying participant). Sizing is based on availability, although we do our best to have a wide variety of sizes.