

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



"Guarding What Matters"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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

Meditation on 'My Shepherd Will Supply My Need'

-ROBERT HEBBLE

Welcome

Centering Music No. 80 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

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 those in need of still waters and green pastures

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: Even when we walk through the darkest valleys, we fear no evil for God is with us.

One: Let us proclaim together, Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn No. 558 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus hear thy children when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

God, we gather this morning grateful that you are with us, today and every day. In the midst of uncertain valleys and challenging times, you guide, comfort, and hold us close. Help us in this time of worship to rest in your presence and to recognize the quiet ways you are at work among us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. And now let us continue to pray together the prayer Jesus himself taught us to pray 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 are not meant to walk every path alone or carry every burden ourselves. And yet, so often we take on more than is ours, or resist the very paths that lead to life. We forget the voice that guides us and protects us in the wilderness of our lives. So let us return, honestly and humbly, trusting that even now, God meets us with mercy and grace. Let us pray.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious and loving God, we confess that we do not always trust your leading. You call us toward paths of life, and still we wander. Forgive us, we pray. Quiet our anxious striving. Help us to listen for your voice, to follow where you lead, and to rest in the care you so freely give. Restore our souls, O God, and lead us again in the ways of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Anthem

The New 23rd

-CARMICHAEL

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!

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*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!

Scripture: *John 10:1-10*

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me^a are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Hymn No. 86

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

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Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

-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 and strength to join you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 545

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine; by waters still, o'er
troubled sea, still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me. (*Refrain*)

And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God thro' Jordan leadeth me. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

-ARR. BY FRED SWANN

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

- Ed McLaren is our Host Deacon
- Christina Yedowitz-Nessel is our Liturgist
- Thank you to our Ushers this morning
- Jane Smalley is Hosting Sunday Fellowship

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, April 26

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship

11:15 am Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, April 27

9:15 am Play Care

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

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

Tuesday, April 28

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, April 29

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 30

Jackson Crash Set-up

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, May 1

Jackson Crash Set-up

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, May 2

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

9:30-11:30am PopUp Food Pantry

6:00-10:00 pm Jackson Crash (CH/MR)

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA (downstairs)

NEXT Sunday, May 3

Luke's Pantry

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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