

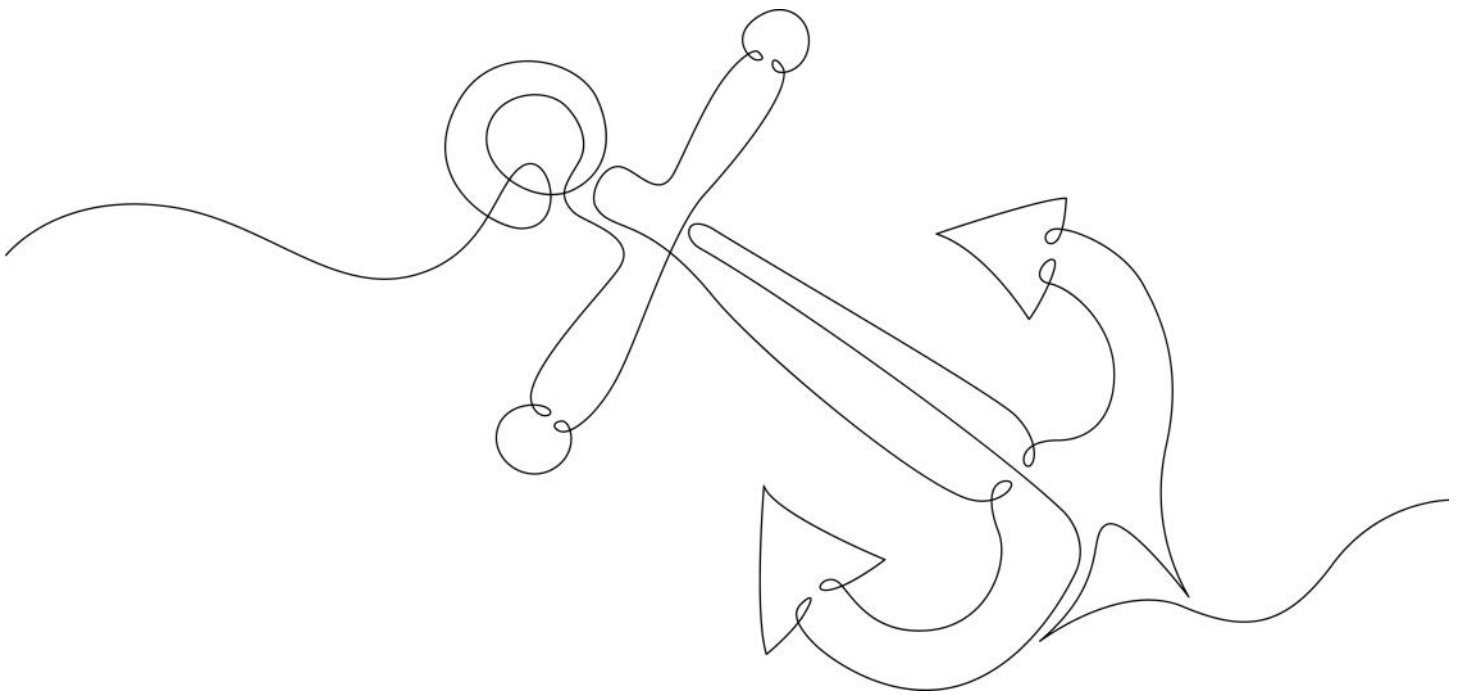
# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



*“Anchored in the Storm”*

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 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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Prelude

***Prelude on 'Rock of Ages'***

-ARR. BY DIANE BISH

Welcome

Opening Word

Mental Health Awareness

Centering Music

***I Will Call Upon The Lord***

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
I will call upon the Lord

*Refrain:* The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

Barbara Cardone

One: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me."

We gather today looking to God as the rock of our foundation.

**All: We come to anchor ourselves to the way of Jesus.**

One: Whether we are in the midst of a storm or standing on firm ground, we remember we are not alone.

**All: God is with us, steady and near.**

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

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn No. 618

***How Firm a Foundation*** (*verses 1,2 & 5*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be no dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
up held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Steady and loving God, you are our rock and our refuge, present with us in every storm and every season. Gather us now in your grace. Through our worship today, calm what is restless within us, and anchor us in your abiding love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. And now we continue to pray the prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray:

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***

\*Passing of Christ's Peace

One: Now, as the family of God, let us with boldness and confidence share the peace of Christ with one another. Please rise in body or in spirit, to pass 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 14:1-14 (CEB)*

Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. You know the way to the place I'm going." Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

One: The word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

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Hymn No. 619

***My Life Flows On*** (verse 1,2 & 4)

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

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

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

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

***Awesome God***

-Rich Mullins

\*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:

**All: Faithful God, receive these gifts and bless them. Use them for your people and your work in the world. In this Easter season, remind us that your Spirit is among us, bringing hope where there is need and new life where it is least expected. Anchor all that we give, and all that we are, in your risen love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come to the Table of Grace". It consists of three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). Above the first staff, there is a tempo marking: a quarter note followed by a quarter note with a '3' above it, and another quarter note, all enclosed in parentheses. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. Below the third staff, there are four numbered suggestions for alternative lyrics.

Come to the ta - ble of grace. ——— Come to the  
 ta - ble of grace. ——— This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or  
 mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. ———

2. Come to the table of peace...  
 3. Come to the table of love...  
 4. Come to the table of joy...

## Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Faithful and loving God, in every season of life, in times of joy and in times of trouble, you are with us. As we gather around this table, and partake of this bread and cup, we remember Jesus, he who welcomed the weary, who sat at table with the overlooked, and who made room for all to belong. In these simple gifts, we trust that he meets us still, feeding us, holding us, and renewing us in love. And so, we remember the night he shared a meal with his disciples...

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup (gluten free bread available and we serve grape juice)

Communion Hymn No. 403 *In Remembrance of Me*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks together:

**All: Gracious God, we give you thanks for this holy meal and for your presence among us. You have fed us with your grace and renewed us for the journey ahead. Grant that we may go out into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to live with hope and to share your love with all we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn No. 543

***Blessed Assurance*** (verse 1 & 3)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Postlude

***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

-ARR. BY DIANE BISH

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Today's loose collection will be added to the Deacons Assistance Fund which assists members, friends or neighbors, who have a current financial problem which might be overcome or diminished by caring financial help.



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

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Chase Tyler is Assisting with Communion
  - Barbara Cardone is our Liturgist
- Sharon Rubens and Ed McLaren re our Ushers

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



## Calendar



### **TODAY Sunday, May 3**

**10:00 am Worship with Communion** (CH/YouTube)

**11:15 am Sunday Fellowship**

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

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Monday, May 4

**9:15 am Play Care**

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

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

### Tuesday, May 5

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Wednesday, May 6

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Thursday, May 7

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Friday, May 8

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Saturday, May 9

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

### **NEXT Sunday, May 10**

***Mother's Day***

**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)