

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“What Love Does”
Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 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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Opening Song *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* -TRAD.

Welcome

Opening Word Honoring All Our Mothers

Centering Music No. 59 *This Is My Mother's World*

This is my Mother's world, and to my listening ears,
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Mother's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Mother's world; the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise.

Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair;
in rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.

Our God has made this world; oh, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's creatures everywhere.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: With grateful hearts, we are ready to rejoice.

One: Today, we gather to celebrate God's mothering love, love that nurtures and guides, love that shows up again and again.

All: We long to live with that kind of love, with empathy and care, with justice and peace.

One: My friends, we are not alone, and God's Spirit is with us, abiding with us in every moment.

All: We open our hearts to God's sustaining love.

One: Let us worship the God who mothers us in love.

All: Hallelujah praise be to God!

Choral Response *Halle Halle Hallelujah*

Children's Message

*Opening Hymn No. 3152

Welcome

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain: Singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray (*Refrain*)

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice! (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Loving God, we are grateful for this day and for your presence with us. We give thanks for love that nurtures and sustains us, for care that shapes us, and for those who have shown us what love can be. As we gather in worship, open our hearts to your Spirit. Help us to receive your love and to reflect it in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. And now, in honor of Mother's Day, let us pray this version of our Lord's Prayer.

Lord's Prayer (*using debts*):

All: Blessed One, Our Father and our Mother, holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession:

One: Friends, we are people who know what love looks like. We've seen it, we've received it, and we long to live it in our own lives. Scripture reminds us that love is patient and kind, that it does not envy or boast, that it bears all things and endures all things. And yet, the truth is, there are moments when we grow impatient, when we turn away, when we fail to show up for one another as we hope we might. So today we're invited to let go of where we fall short so that we can begin again with God's grace.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for the love we have known, love that has nurtured us, guided us, and held us. And yet, we confess that we do not always reflect that love in our own lives. Forgive us, we pray, and gently lead us back to your love, a love that believes all things, endures all things, and never ends. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

Hymn

The Gift of Love

-HAL HOPSON

CHANCEL CHOIR

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!

Scripture: *John 14:15-21*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Hymn No. 494

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride: (*Refrain*)

Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering
Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem

Rain Down

-CORTEZ

*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

Gracious and loving God, you are our vision and our guide. We offer these gifts to you, and we offer our lives as well, all that we are and all that we have. Turn our hearts toward what matters most. Center us in your love. Lead us in your wisdom. May what we give and how we live reflect your goodness in the world. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 595

Be Thou My Vision

-SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Postlude

Will The Circle Be Unbroken

-CHARLES H. GABRIEL

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Thank you to our Host Deacon
- Mark Barth is our Liturgist
- Carl Thorsberg is our Usher

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



Calendar



TODAY 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)

Monday, May 11

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 12

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, May 13

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Thursday, May 14

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, May 15

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, May 16

NAMI Walk—Hartsdale Ridge Park

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA (MR)

NEXT Sunday, May 17

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

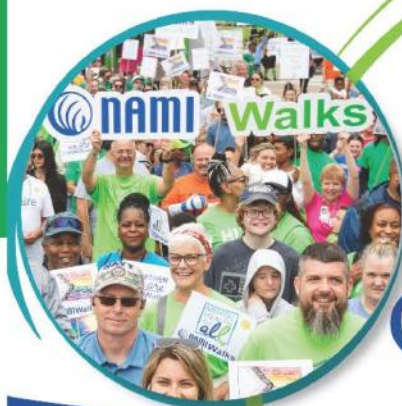
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7:30 pm AA (CH)

JOIN TEAM: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHAPPAQUA



TOGETHER
we are

NAMIWalks
Westchester

Join Us!
2026



*Register
Now!*

Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 8:30AM
Ridge Road Park
(287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale, NY)
namiwalks.org/westchester



Why We Walk

Mental health matters to us. We are walking with NAMIWalks 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, pastorsiobhan@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.