

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“Nothin’ Gonna Steal My Joy”

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Pentecost

May 24, 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

Prelude on ‘Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart’

-ATKINSON

Welcome

Centering Music No. 254

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (*verses 1 & 3*)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the waters swept across the deep and the Spirit moved over creation.

All: The Spirit is still moving among us.

One: At Pentecost, the Spirit moved again—like wind and fire, breathing courage into fearful hearts, breaking barriers and awakening hope.

All: God declared: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”

One: Not upon a chosen few, but upon all people.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come and make us new.

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Let us pray: Holy Spirit, Living Fire—you move among us with warmth and light, stirring what has grown cold, and awakening what lies dormant within us. Bless our worship this morning, that through our time together, we might be drawn more deeply into your bold and gentle love. Melt away the masks we wear. Inspire in us a love that moves beyond words and fill us with a joy that rises higher than our fear. Remind us again that your Spirit is alive and among us, drawing us more fully into life. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 261

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Introduction to the Celebration of Baptism: Téo Luke Sargent Faustino

Congregational Response

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to help create a community where Téo can grow in wisdom and wonder, where questions are welcomed, where compassion is practiced, and where he will continually be reminded that nothing can separate him from the love of God?"

All: With joy and with God's help, we do. We promise to walk beside Téo with love and care, to encourage him as he grows, to pray for him and for his family, and to help build a world where all God's children are treated with dignity, compassion, and belonging.

Hymn

Where Children Belong (see insert)

The Covenant Relationship

Congregational Response

Pastor: And now, people of God, I ask you: Will you nurture one another in faith and life and include Téo from this day forward in your love and care? Will you help create a community where he may grow in wisdom, compassion, courage, and joy?

All: We will. With God's help, we promise to walk beside Téo and his family. We will do our best to embody the compassion of Christ, so that through this family of faith he may come to know the wideness of God's love and the joy of belonging.

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

Pastor: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God for the gift of water and the grace of baptism.

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation and Welcome

Pastor: Friends, today we rejoice in the gift of baptism and celebrate that Téo has been welcomed into this household of faith. May this church be a place where he is encouraged to grow and explore, where his questions are honored, where his gifts are nurtured, and where he is reminded again and again that he is loved by God and never walks alone.

People of God, let us welcome Téo with our blessing and our love.

All: Téo, we welcome you with joy. May your life be filled with wonder and joy. May you find courage when the road is difficult, and hope that carries you through every season. And may this family of faith be for you a place of belonging, peace and unwavering grace. Amen.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*Passing of Christ's Peace

Pastor: Friends, in baptism we are reminded that we belong not only to God, but also to one another. We are called to be people of peace—And so now, let us rise with joy in body or spirit to share the peace with one another. And officially welcome little baby Téo in to this family of faith. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Nothin Gonna Steal My Joy"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Anthem

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

-BESIG

Prayers of Our People

Hymn No. 720

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with servant-hood from sea to shining sea.

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Shine Jesus Shine

-KENDRICK

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, on Pentecost your Spirit was poured out and freely given for the sake of the world. Receive these gifts we offer today. May they become more than dollars and decisions. May they become signs of hope and movements of love that reach beyond these walls. Where fear divides, may these gifts help build connection. Where weariness settles in, may they bring encouragement and joy. Where people long to know they belong, may this church continue to embody your wide and welcoming Spirit. Bless what we give, and bless who we are becoming together. In the Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

We Are Called *(see back page)*

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! *(Refrain)*

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! *(Refrain)*

Benediction

Postlude

Battle Hymn of the Republic

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

-STEFFE

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Nancy Roche is our Host Deacon
- Urka Swinney is our Liturgist
- Kathie and Bill Swenson are our Ushers
- Pastor Siobhan and Diana are Hosting Sunday Fellowship

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

10:00 am **Worship - Baptism** (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am **Sunday Fellowship** (CH)

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

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Thursday, May 28

9:15 am **Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, May 29

9:15 am **Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

FCC Office Closed

Play Care Closed



Saturday, May 30

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA

Tuesday, May 26

9:15 am **Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

NEXT Sunday, May 31

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, May 27

9:15 am **Play Care**

9:30 am LPO Kitchen Rental

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

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1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



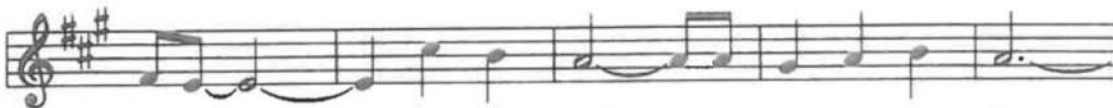
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
 hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

Refrain

cit-y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly, _____



_____ we are called to serve one an - oth - er, _____ to



walk hum-bly with God! _____

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