

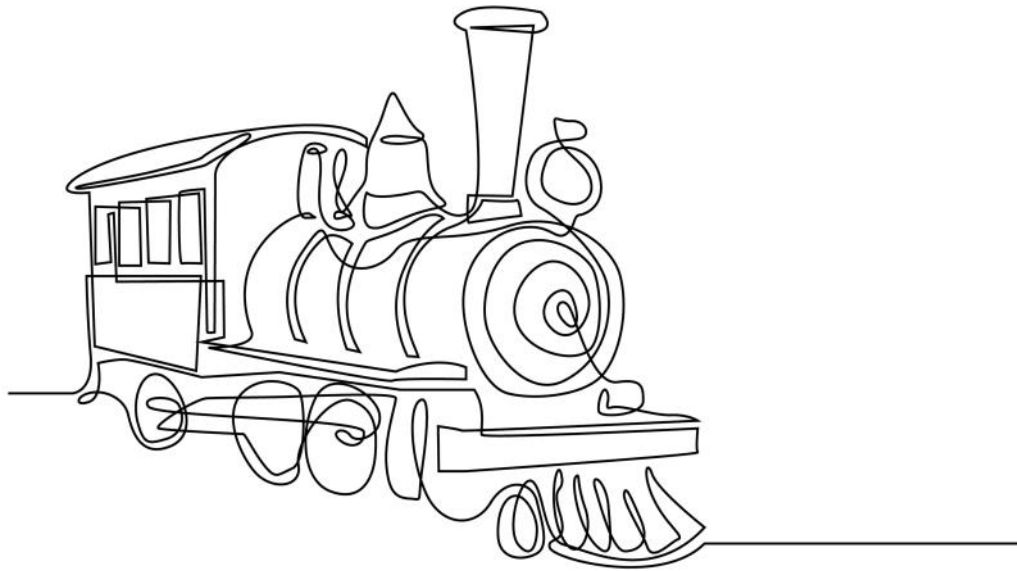
# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



"The Little Engine that Carried"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

First Sunday after Pentecost

May 31, 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

***Concerto del Sigr. Meck***

-J.G. WALTHER

Welcome

Centering Music 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.

Call to Worship (*responsively*): (Inspired by Genesis 1)

One: In the beginning, before there were words for anything, the Spirit of God moved over the waters.

**All: Out of chaos, God brought life. Out of darkness, God spoke light.**

One: God stretched out the heavens and formed the earth. God filled the seas, the skies, and the fields with life.

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: Mountains and rivers, trees and stars, creatures that crawl, swim, fly, and run.

**All: And God saw that it was good.**

One: And when humanity was formed in the image of God, blessed with the breath of life and entrusted with one another.

**All: God saw that it was very good.**

One: We gather today as part of this sacred creation.

**All: May the Spirit still move among us. May creation still sing of God's goodness.**

One: Come, let us worship together and open ourselves to the One who brings life, love, and blessing to all the earth.

**All: Let us praise and worship the God of love and life.**

Opening Hymn No. 22

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing; Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise God, Alleluia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice,

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part, Sing praises, Alleluia!

You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.

O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Holy and Creating God, in the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters and brought light out of darkness, life out of chaos, and beauty into being. You spoke creation into existence and called it good. And still today, you call us good. We gather grateful for your abiding love and enduring presence among us. Bless this time together, that it might bear the fruit of your goodness in our lives today and in the days to come. Amen. And now let us continue to pray our family prayer...

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***

## Invitation to Confession:

One: Friends, from the very beginning, God looked upon creation and called it good. And yet, so often, we move through life disconnected from that goodness, in ourselves, in one another, and in the world around us. Sometimes, in the rush and strain of life, we lose sight of the sacred worth woven throughout creation itself. But the good news is this: God does not abandon creation. God continues to meet us wherever we find ourselves. And so we confess today not out of shame, but out of a longing to reconnect with the goodness, love, and grace of God alive within us and around us.

## Unison Prayer of Confession:

**All: God, sometimes we forget that this world and the people in it are precious. We get caught up in stress, routines, frustrations, and distractions. Before long we stop noticing the beauty around us and the humanity within one another. There are moments when we speak without kindness, judge too quickly, or move through life disconnected from you, from ourselves, and from the people who need us most. And sometimes we struggle to believe there is goodness within us at all. Forgive us. Slow us down. Help us to see again what you have always seen in creation and in us. Renew our hearts with your love, and teach us how to live with greater compassion for this world and for one another. Amen.**

## A Moment for Silence and Personal Prayer

## Anthem

***I Need Thee Every Hour***

-J.N. BECK

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: Friends, hear the good news: We are forgiven. We are loved. And we are invited to begin again.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*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: *Matthew 28:16-20*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: The word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*"The Little Engine that Carried"*

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Hymn No. 63

***How Majestic Is Your Name***

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

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O Lord, we praise your name.

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Prince of Peace, mighty God;

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Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

-JOHN RUTTER

\*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 No. 64

***I Sing the Almighty Power of God***

We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.

We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food;  
you formed the creatures with your word and then pronounced them good.  
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,  
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from your throne.  
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Benediction

Postlude

***Trumpet Tune***

-PURCELL

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Ed McLaren is our Host Deacon
- Anna Baumann is our Liturgist
- Esther Gates is our Ushers

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



## Calendar



### TODAY Sunday, May 31

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

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

**11:15-12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal** (CR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Monday, June 1

**9:15 am Play Care**

1:00-2:30 pm Pop Up Food Pantry (L)

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

### Tuesday, June 2

**9:15 am Play Care**

9:30 am American Herbal Tea Kitchen Rental

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Wednesday, June 3

**Play Care Graduation**

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Thursday, June 4

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Friday, June 5

**9:15 am Play Care**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Saturday, June 6

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA

### NEXT Sunday, June 7

*Luke's Pantry*

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

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

2:00-6:45 pm Don Dupont Big Band Concert (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

*Community*  
**YARD SALE**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**FURNITURE, TOOLS, ELECTRONICS, WOMEN'S HANDBAGS & SHOES**  
**HOME DECOR, RUGS, BRIC-A-BRAC, TOYS & BOOKS FOR ALL AGES**

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