

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“Kids These Days”
Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

Ashokan Farewell

-JAY UNGAR

Welcome

Centering Music No. 340

Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly tenderly, Jesus is calling —calling, “O sinner, come home!”

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me; tho' we have sinned he has
Mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. (*Refrain*)

Call to Worship (*responsively*): (inspired by Matthew 11:28-30)

One: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

One: God, we gather today eager to receive the truth of Christ's words.

All: We come longing for rest and gentleness.

One: We come carrying burdens both seen and unseen.

All: We lay them before you, trusting in your grace.

One: Teach us to follow Christ, who is gentle and humble in heart.

All: Help us to walk with compassion and love.

One: Grant us your Spirit, O God, that we might learn from one another and faithfully share your love from generation to generation.

All: For we are one family in Christ Jesus, gathered to worship and to give thanks.

One: Come, thou fount of every blessing, and tune all our hearts to sing thy grace.

*Opening Hymn No. 16 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the Mount! I'm fixed up on it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Loving God, you have called us together from many places, many experiences, and many generations to be one people in Christ. As we gather in this hour, quiet the noise within us and around us. Help us to set aside the burdens we carry and open our hearts to your presence. Remind us to listen for your voice and to learn from your wisdom. Fill this place with your Spirit so that our worship is not just for show, but it is an authentic expression of our faith. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who is gentle and humble in heart. 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:

Often, we struggle to see the perspectives of others. It can become easy to think that our way is the best way or our understanding is the clearest. We can be quick to speak, slow to listen, and reluctant to consider that God may be at work in ways we do not yet understand. In doing so, we can miss the new thing God is doing among us. Confession invites us into a different way. It creates space for humility. It reminds us that we do not have all the answers and that we sometimes get things wrong. It opens our hearts to God's wisdom and creates room for growth, healing, and grace. Therefore, let us come before God with honest hearts, confessing our sins and seeking God's transforming love.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious God, we confess that there are times when we are more interested in being right than being loving. We cling tightly to our opinions and assumptions, believing that our perspective is the only one worth hearing. We are often quick to judge experiences that may differ from our own. Forgive us when pride keeps us from humility and when fear keeps us from compassion. Open our hearts once again and help us to learn from Christ, who is gentle and humble in heart. Renew us by your grace, that we may walk more faithfully in the way of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Moment of Silence and Personal Prayer

Words of Assurance

One: Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Passing of Christ's Peace**

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!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Scripture: *Matthew 11:16-19*

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Hymn No. 583

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me

Prayers of the People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Solo

The Lord's Prayer

JENNIFER DAPICE, SOLOIST

-Malotte

*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:

All: Gracious and Holy God, you continue to call ordinary people of every generation into the work of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and the ministries they support. May they help us put our faith into action and share your love with the world around us. Amen.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace

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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 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a tempo marking of quarter note = quarter note. The lyrics are: '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. —'. Below the staves, there are four numbered options for the final line of the hymn: 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)

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. 618

How Firm a Foundation

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!

Benediction

Postlude

Italian Concerto: 1st mvt

-J.S. Bach

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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.

- Nancy Roche is our Host Deacon
- Wendy Ku is Assisting with Communion
- Christina Yedowitz-Nessel is our Liturgist
- Beth Statman and Esther Gates are our Ushers

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, July 5

10:00 am [Worship with Communion](#) (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am [Sunday Fellowship](#)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Thursday, July 9

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday July 6

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

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

4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

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

Friday, July 10

FCC Offices Closed

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

9:00-1:00 pm Chapp. Summer Scholars

Rental (CH)

4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Tuesday, July 7

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, July 11

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

Wednesday, July 8

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

NEXT Sunday, July 12

10:00 am [Worship](#) (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am [Sunday Fellowship](#) (CH)

4:00-6:00 pm [Community Dinner](#) (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)