

# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



“What We Stand For”  
Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 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

***A Contemplative Prayer***  
VIRGINIA BENDER, ORGANIST

-DAVID LASKY

Welcome

Opening Word - Celebrating All Our Fathers

Centering Music No. 557      ***Just A Closer Walk With Thee***

*Refrain:* Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. (*Refrain*)

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (*Refrain*)

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

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.**

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Opening Hymn No. 464

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ like graces pledged to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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

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 10:24-39 (The Message)*

"A student doesn't get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn't make more money than his boss. Be content—pleased, even—when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, 'Dungface,' what can the workers expect? Don't be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don't hesitate to go public now. Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands. What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries. Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you? Don't think I've come to make life cozy. I've come to cut—make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law—cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God. Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies. If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me. If you don't go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don't deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me."

One: The word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*"What We Stand For"*

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*His Eye Is On The Sparrow*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy - I sing because I'm free-  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled.” his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. (*Refrain*)

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. (*Refrain*)

Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

*In Christ Alone*

JENNIFER DAPICE, SOLOIST

CHRIS BURKE, PIANIST

-GETTY & TOWNEND

\*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. 344

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus-- no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me-- no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?-- no turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Closing Song

*Trumpet Tune*

-MICHAEL A. JOHNSON

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

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Bill Spade is our Liturgist
- Sharon Rubens and Ed McLaren are our Ushers

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



## Calendar



### TODAY Sunday, June 21

*Happy Father's Day*

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

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

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

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Monday, June 22

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

**9:15 am Play Care Camp**

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

### Tuesday, June 23

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

**9:15 am Play Care Camp**

**7:00 pm Council Meeting** (zoom)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Wednesday, June 24

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

**9:15 am Play Care Camp**

### Thursday, June 25

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

**9:15 am Play Care Camp**

7:30 pm AA (CH)

### Friday, June 26

*Juneteenth*

**Community Yard Sale Set-up**

**FCC Offices Closed**

7:30 pm AA Anniversary Night (CH)

### Saturday, June 27

**10:00-3:00 FCC Tag Sale and Community Yard Sale**

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA

### NEXT Sunday, June 28

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

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

7:30 pm AA (CH)



# Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 27**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**at the**  
**First Congregational Church**

**Come Shop: we have furniture, tools,  
clothing, accessories, shoes, home décor,  
toys & books.**

**Community members will be selling their  
treasures too!**