

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“Just a Sip”

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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

Panis Angelicus

-CESAR FRANCK

VIRGINIA BENDER, ORGANIST

Welcome

Centering Music No. 546

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

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. 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrimway, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Refrain*)

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.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*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 10:40-42*

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Solo

Something Beautiful

Prayers of Our People

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Solo

You Are For Me

JENNIFER DAPICE, SOLOIST

CHRIS BURKE, PIANIST

-KARI JOBE

*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.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*Closing Hymn No. 452

Here I Am, Lord

-HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Benediction

Postlude

Go Forth in Faith

-FRANKLIN RITTER

* 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 Chris Burke & Ginny Bender for the beautiful music while Keith is on vacation!

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Sue Hacker is our Liturgist
- Jon Russell is our Ushers

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, June 28

Community Yard Sale Clean Up

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, June 29

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)

Tuesday, June 30

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)

Wednesday, July 1

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

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

Thursday, July 2

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)

Friday, July 3

FCC Offices Closed

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, July 4

7:30 pm Mt. Kisco AA



NEXT Sunday, July 5

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

