

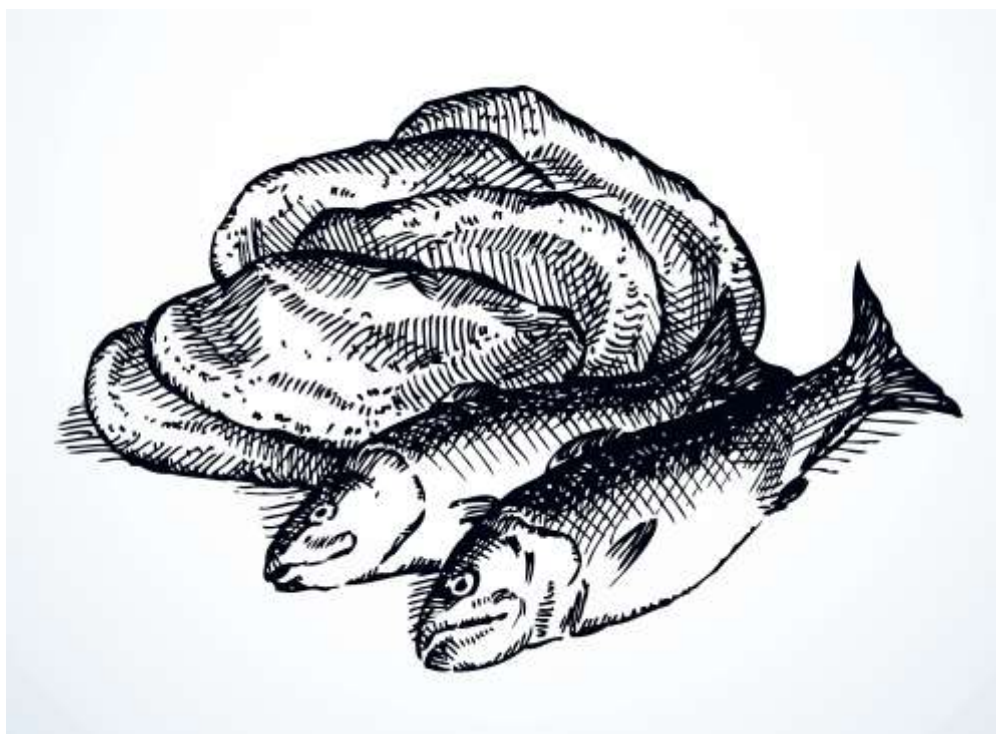
The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“Lean On Me”
Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

—ARR. BY MARILYN HAM

Welcome

Children's Moment

Opening Invitation: *inspired by John 6:35-37*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty... for whoever comes to me I will never turn away.

Centering Music

What A Mighty God We Serve (see insert)

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

One: Jesus says, "*I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty... Whoever comes to me I will never turn away.*"

One: God, we gather today eager to live by the promise of Christ's words.

All: We come hungry for life and thirsty for hope, longing to be nourished by what truly satisfies.

One: Fill our hearts with your presence and teach us to trust in you.

All: Meet us with your grace and open us to the abundance of your love.

One: Come, let us seek God's kingdom and offer our thanks and praise to the One who never turns us away.

*Opening Hymn No. 354

Seek Ye First

—SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Loving and Gracious God, we give thanks that you are always near, inviting us into your presence and calling us to become more fully who you created us to be. As we worship today, inspire us with your Spirit and awaken us to the ways you nourish our souls. May our time together deepen our trust in you, strengthen our hope, and remind us that your love is always at work within us and among us. We offer this time, and ourselves, to you with grateful hearts. And as one body in Christ, we continue by praying together 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:

There is something within each of us that longs for fullness, for peace, for a life that truly satisfies. Yet so often we find ourselves chasing what is immediate instead of what is lasting, placing our hope in what cannot finally sustain us. Every Sunday, we remind ourselves that confession is not about shame. It is about telling the truth. It is the courage to admit where we have wandered and to acknowledge, once again, that we need God. The gift of God's grace is that we do not have to pretend to be someone we are not. We are not called to perfection but to honest relationship with the One who never turns us away. Let us come before God with open hearts as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious and Loving God, you created us for abundant life, yet so often we search for fulfillment in places that leave us empty and put our trust in things that cannot sustain us. Forgive us, we pray. Safeguard us from the temptations that draw us away from you, and nourish us once again with your grace. Fortify our faith, so that our lives may always reflect your love and justice in the world. 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 14:13-21*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Lean On Me

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Hymn No. 351

Fill My Cup, Lord

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it

up, Lord! Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul; Bread of Heav-en,

feed me 'til I want no more—fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

ORDS and MUSIC: Richard Blanchard, 1959

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FILL MY CUP
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Morning Prayer

Announcements

The Offering
Call to Offering
Offertory Solo

Aria from the Goldberg Variations

-J.S. Bach

*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, sharing your love with the world around us, especially with those who need it most. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Into My Heart (see insert)

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)

Communion Hymn

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!"

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? (*Refrain*)

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*)

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. 552

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Postlude

He Lives

-Alfred Ackley

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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.



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

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Nancy Roche is Assisting with Communion
 - Erin Kirby 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, August 2

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

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday August 3

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)

Tuesday, August 4

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, August 5

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

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

Thursday, August 6

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, August 7

FCC Offices Closed

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, August 8

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

NEXT Sunday, August 9

10:00 am Worship (CH / YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

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What a might - y God we serve.

What a might - y God we serve.

An-gels bow be - fore you, heaven and earth a - dore you.

What a might - y God we serve.

WORDS: Traditional African folk song
MUSIC: Traditional African folk song; arr. by Herbert Hume

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Into My Heart

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1. In - to my heart, in - to my heart, come
2. Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine

in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus; come in to - day, come
out of my heart, Lord Je - sus; shine out to - day, shine

in to stay; come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.
out al - way; shine out of my heart, Lord Je - sus.

WORDS: Harry D. Clarke; st. 2 anon.
MUSIC: Harry D. Clarke
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