

# The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

## All Are Welcome



“Bon Appétit”  
Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12, 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

*Pavane*

-M. RAVEL

Welcome

**Children's Moment**

Opening Invitation: *Matthew 11:28-30*

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.

Centering Music

*Lay Me Low (see back page)*

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: God is here.

All: And so are we.

One: Let us be still.

All: We still our hearts, that we may become aware of God's presence.

*(Silence)*

One: Let us listen.

All: We quiet our minds, that we may hear God's Word anew.

*(Silence)*

One: Let us learn.

All: We open our lives to God's transforming love.

One: Come, let us worship the living God.

\*Opening Hymn No. 595

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
**may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!**  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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\* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Prayer of Invocation:

Pastor Siobhan

Gracious and loving God, you are already here, long before we arrive. Through our worship today, lead us more deeply into the life of Christ. Fill this place with your Holy Spirit, so that our worship is not just for show, but serves as an authentic expression of our faith. Teach us to honor you not only with our words, but with our whole lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. And now, with one voice, let us pray together with 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:

Friends, none of us comes before God as perfect people, and thanks be to God, perfection is not what God asks of us. Again and again, God invites us into a deeper relationship marked by grace, honesty, and love. Confession is simply our way of turning back toward the One who never turns away from us in the first place.

Let us pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious and loving God, too often we lose our way. We allow fear to speak louder than our faith, and certainty to overshadow humility. It becomes difficult to recognize the ways your Spirit is at work among us. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to see more clearly. Deepen our trust in your promises. Teach us to walk in the way of Christ, that our lives may bear witness to your love. In his 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!

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Scripture: *Genesis 25:19-34*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

*"Bon Appétit"*

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

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

*Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre*

-G. F. Handel

\*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.

\*Closing Hymn 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*

Benediction

Postlude

*Gavotte*

-G. F. Handel



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

- Judy Jones is our Host Deacon
  - Milan Tyler is our Liturgist
- Kathie and Bill Swenson are our Ushers

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



## Calendar



### TODAY 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)

### Monday July 13

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, July 14

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 15

7:30-8:30 am Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)  
4:00-5:00 pm Camp Kiwi bus (pkng lot)

### Thursday, July 16

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 17

#### 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)

### Saturday, July 18

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots  
7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

### NEXT Sunday, July 19

10:00 am **Worship** (CH/YouTube)  
11:15 am **Sunday Fellowship** (CH)  
7:30 pm AA (CH)

# Lay Me Low

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Lay me low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can find me. \_\_\_\_\_ Lay me  
Lay me low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can find me. \_\_\_\_\_

low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can hold me. \_\_\_\_\_ Lay me  
— Lay me low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can hold me. \_\_\_\_\_

low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can bless me. \_\_\_\_\_ Lay me  
— Lay me low, \_\_\_\_\_ where the Lord can bless me. \_\_\_\_\_

low, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, lay me low. \_\_\_\_\_ Lay me  
— Lay me low, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, lay me low.

Text: Shaker traditional  
Music: Daniel E. Schwandt

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This song may be sung in an echo style and with improvised harmony. Instead of "own me," an alternate text could be "hold me."