

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



“Fields of Dreams”

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

-HENRY SMITH

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. 622 ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Scripture: *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

Psalm 23

-Paul Creston

*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.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*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. 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Benediction

Postlude

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

-Oliver Holden

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Robin Stout is our Host Deacon
 - Robin Stout is our Liturgist
- Jim Colby and Jon Russell are our Ushers

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Thursday, July 23

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 24

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 25

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

Monday July 20

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 21

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 22

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

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

NEXT Sunday, July 26

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."