

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



"When Trust Takes Hold"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

—ARR. BY MARILYN HAM

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. 16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the Mount! I'm fixed up on it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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 32:22-31*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

How Great Thou Art

Refrain: 'Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

*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.

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*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. 452

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 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

-Welsh Hymn Tune

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



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

- Ed McLaren is our Host Deacon
- Mark Barth is our Liturgist
- Judy Jones and Jon Russell are our Ushers

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



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Worship (CH/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Thursday, July 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)

Monday July 27

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)

Friday, July 31

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 Anniversary Night (CH)

Tuesday, July 28

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 1

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

Wednesday, July 29

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

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

NEXT Sunday, August 2

10:00 am Worship w/ Communion (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."