

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



"When Morning Comes"

Rev. Siobhan Sargent

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 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

Greensleeves

-VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Welcome

Children's Moment

Opening Invitation: *inspired by Isaiah 43:18-19*

“But now says the Lord...do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Centering Music No. 261

Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Call to Worship (*responsively*):

One: God, we gather, eager to see the new thing you are doing among us.

All: We open our hearts to the path you are preparing.

(*Silence.*)

One: In seasons of uncertainty...

All: We remember that we do not walk alone, for you are our faithful guide.

(*Silence.*)

One: In the wilderness places of our lives...

All: We make space to notice the One who is already at work.

(*Silence.*)

One: When fear threatens to hold us back...

All: We receive this moment as your gift and surrender our future to you.

One: Come, let us worship the God who is our river in every desert.

*Opening Hymn

Welcome

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain: Singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share 'cause all of us are welcome here;
all are welcome in this place.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
and joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray. (*Refrain*)

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its voice! (*Refrain*)

Prayer of Invocation:

Holy and Living God, you are always doing a new thing, making a way where we cannot yet see one, and calling your people into a future shaped by hope. As we gather in this sacred hour, quiet the distractions that compete for our attention and open us to your presence. May our worship today be more than familiar words or well-worn routines. Make it an authentic expression of our love for you and our trust in your promises. We offer this time, and ourselves, to you with grateful hearts. And as one body in Christ, we now continue to pray 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:

Friends, throughout scripture, God is always at work: bringing life where there is danger, calling ordinary people to holy purpose, making a way where none seems possible, and providing daily bread in the wilderness. Yet how often do we miss the new thing God is doing? Confession is not about dwelling on our failures. It is about making space for God's grace to transform our lives. So let us come before God with honest hearts, trusting that God is always ready to lead us into abundant life. Let us pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: Gracious and Holy God, too often we allow fear to shape our decisions, and familiar patterns to keep us from the freedom you desire for all of us. Forgive us we pray. Quiet the wilderness within, and create in us hearts that our courageous. Fill us once again with your grace, so that we may become people liberated by your love, hope, justice and peace. 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!

Scripture: *Exodus 16:2-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

Blessing

Announcements

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

*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.

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

*Closing 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.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

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.

Benediction

Postlude

Crown Imperial

-Walton

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)



Come Volunteer at Community Day!
FCC Blessing of the Animals

New Castle Community Day is
Saturday, September 19 from 10:00–2:00.
We are looking for enthusiastic individuals
who are eager to make a positive impact in our
community and support Pastor Siobhan
at Community Day.



Blessing of
the Animals

We will also be blessing animals during Community Day, so come join us for this special opportunity to celebrate our community and our furry friends!

Come for an hour or the entire time—either way, it will be lots of fun! Please email Chris in the main office if you are available to volunteer: office@fcc-chappaqua.org. Thank you!



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

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Mark Barth our Liturgist
- Sharon Rubens and Jon Russell are our Ushers

Please join us for BRUNCH and fellowship in the Centennial Hall following worship.



Calendar



TODAY Sunday, September 13

Church Homecoming

10:00 am Worship - Rev. Siobhan Sargent

preaching (S/YouTube)

11:15 am Homecoming BRUNCH (CH)

11:15 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Monday, September 14

9:15 am Play Care

1:00-2:30 pm Pop Up Food Pantry (L)

4:00-6:15 pm Soccer Shots (lawn)

Tuesday, September 15

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Wednesday, September 16

9:15 am Play Care

10:00 am Herbal Tea kitchen rental (K)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 2 (CH)

Thursday, September 17

9:15 am Play Care

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Friday, September 18

9:15 am Play Care

3:00-7:00 pm Babe's Delectables rental (K)

7:30 pm AA (CH)

Saturday, September 19

9:00-12:00 Soccer Shots

**10:00-2:00 Community Day w/ Blessing
the Animals**

7:30 pm Mount Kisco AA (MR)

NEXT Sunday, September 20

10:00 am Worship (S/YouTube)

11:15 am Sunday Fellowship (CH)

11:15 am Choir Rehearsal (CR)

4:00-6:00 pm Community Dinner

7:30 pm AA (CH)