

The First Congregational Church

Chappaqua, New York

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

All Are Welcome



Bible Stories Live!

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

-Arr. by Marilyn Ham

Welcome

Celebration of Autumn Harvest

Autumn Carol

-SCHULTZE

FCC Handbells

*Call to Worship (responsively):

One: Come! Let us here a story of God's Love!

All: Let us here a story of a blessed child and a mother's courage.

One: Let us here a story of unexpected heroes.

Let us here a story of freedom for all God's people.

All: Come! Let us worship God together.

*Opening Hymn 286

This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day

that the Lord has made,

that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice,

we will rejoice and be glad in it,

and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day,

this is the day that the Lord has made

Unison Invocation and Lord's Prayer:

All: Gracious God, bless this time together and bless the stories we tell. Today we celebrate your love for us and our love for you. We celebrate the goodness of life and the courageous acts you ask of us. We celebrate freedom for all your creation and dignity for all your children. Open our hearts to the power of compassion and the miracles that you bring into the world. We pray to you now the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying...

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

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Invitation to Confession:

One: Confession is about truth and honesty! It is a time to admit we make mistakes, ask for forgiveness, and to remember that no one is perfect. We confess so we can learn, make things right, and share the kind of love that Jesus teaches us. Confession is a way to find freedom. Let us confess now - together - and open ourselves to the love and forgiveness of God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: God, we come to you this morning knowing that we have made mistakes. We haven't always made good choices. We have not done everything we could do to help others. Please, forgive us. Help us, to remember that you are always with us - with those in need, with those who are suffering - even in the moments when we make mistakes. Forgive us for the things we have done wrong and help us as we try to do better. Please help us to forgive ourselves.

A Moment of Silence and Personal Prayer

Hymn No. 113

Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes! Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (*Refrain*)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (*Refrain*)

Words of Assurance (*responsively*):

One: To all who seek forgiveness through confession of sin and commitment to change, God responds with mercy and grace.

All: Through love and truth, we are given new hope every day. Praise God! We are for given!

*Passing of Christ's Peace (*responsively*):

One: Now, with open hearts and free spirits, let us rise, greet each other, and pass our tidings of peace - both in person and virtually! May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

* Congregation Standing (if you feel comfortable)

Bible Stories Live!

Scripture: *Exodus 1: 8-14*

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

The Exodus-ish. Pt 1!

*Song

This Is Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Stewardship Moment

The Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

-Medema

*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: God of Caring and God of Giving, accept these gifts. Use them to tell the story you wish to write. Guide us in acts of love and service. May what we give, and all we do, bring health, peace, and freedom to the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 599

Day By Day

Day by day, day by day,
O, Dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

*Benediction

One: And so...as we go into the world, may we tell the kinds of tales that glorify God's Love. May we sing of God's promise to liberate all people. May we walk in joy and peace through God's great story and marvel at all of God's creation. May we go now strengthened, go now heartened, go now inspired. Amen.

Postlude

Children Will Listen

-SONDHEIM

Thank you

- Katy Cates is our Host Deacon
- Anna Baumann is our Liturgist
- Jon Russell is our Ushers
- Caroline Starke is Hosting Sunday Fellowship



Halloween Party

Sunday, October 25

5:00 - 7:00 pm

at the First Congregational Church

210 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua

Please join us for an evening of
music, line dancing, Bingo, costume contest
facepainting, food and more!

This FREE event is open to All.

Fun for the whole family!
Come in Costume & Bring a Friend!

Any Questions: Call 914-238-4411 or office@fcc-chappaqua.org



