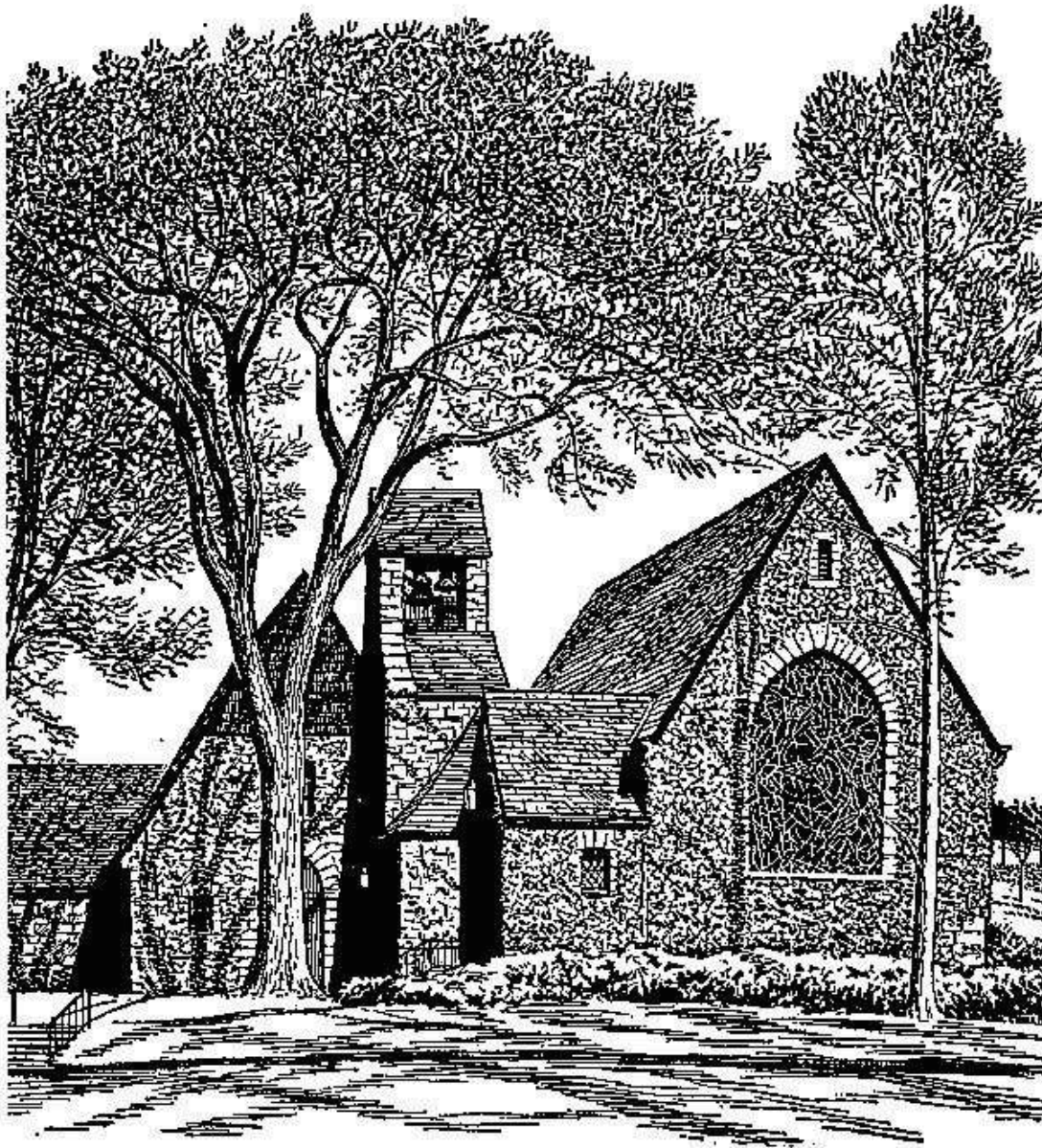


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



REV. PATRICIA CALAHAN – *PASTOR*

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BILL GRAHAM - *DEACON*

BETH COFFMAN – *USHER*

LIZ AND TERRIE - *HOSTS*



WELCOME TO UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

We are delighted to welcome all new guests today! – May your time in worship today be enriching and uplifting. We would like to get to know you better. Please help us by completing the welcome card and placing it on the offering plate. We look forward to welcoming you later in the week.

We offer programs for all children, ensuring there is a way for everyone to connect and feel at home. We provide Childcare services for younger children and Sunday School for children ages 5 to 12. **Please ask an usher to direct you to our childcare team.**

Communion is served on the first Sunday and select services. All children will join us for communion.

As our worship is streamed online, we encourage thoughtful discretion when submitting prayer intentions.

Devotionals available – Daily devotionals by Upper Room are available on the literature rack in the Parish Hall. Please pick one up for your own spiritual practice.

Hearing assistance devices are available – please speak with an usher and they will be happy to assist with providing one for you.

BECOMING NEW

What does it mean to live as Easter people? If Christ is risen, why do our lives so often feel unchanged? In this Eastertide series, we turn to the book of Acts to follow the first disciples as resurrection begins to take hold in real, imperfect lives. Through stories of waiting, interruption, healing, and the surprising work of the Spirit, we discover that new life is not something we achieve all at once, but something God is continually bringing to life within us and among us.

We invite you to stay after the service for Fellowship Hour and join us for coffee/tea in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to share, connect and enjoy the refreshments.



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The service of worship begins with the prelude;
quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship.

* Please stand as you are able. *

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Improvisation of Service Music Themes

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Choral Varié *Andante religioso*

INTROIT

GTG 289 (verses 1 and 4)

On Pentecost They Gathered

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (BOLD IN UNISON)

Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.

Send down the fire of your justice!

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Send down the rain of your love!

Your old shall dream dreams,

and your young shall see visions.

Send down your Spirit, breathe life in your people!

In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

And we shall be people of God.

***HYMN 314**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will now be escorted to Sunday School or the Nursery Room by the Sunday School Staff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, breath of life, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet we still act as though the pains of this world have a final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives.

Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

SILENT PRAYERS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. Friends, believe good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal 316 (stanza one)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life a new,
That I may love what
Thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSVUE)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour

out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"A New Spirit"

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN 319**

Spirit

by James K. Manley, 1975

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless

***THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Festal Doxology

Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to pray using words (debts/debtors, trespasses, sins) that feel comfortable to you.

SENDING

***HYMN 129**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist

**Congregation standing*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP	10:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:15AM – 11:00AM
FELLOWSHIP HOUR	AFTER WORSHIP

EVERY WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY	BY ZOOM 7:00PM – 8:00PM
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EVERY THURSDAY

PRIVATE GROUP MEETING	6:30PM - 8:00PM
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

After Sunday School, students will meet Katia in the Choir Room from **11:00am to 11:30am** the following days: **May 31st** **June 7th**

COMMUNION CLASS

Join us for the next communion class on **Sunday, May 31 at 5:00pm**. Pizza will be provided for the children. Children will take Communion on Sunday, June 7th

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications from all qualified members of the congregation. Completed applications and essays are **due by Sunday, May 30, 2026**. Please contact Dawn Lorenz, President of the Board of Deacons or email the office for an application.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR FOOD DRIVE!

Donations may be placed in the red bin in the Church Parish Hall. Your kindness and generosity help us care for those in need, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Current items in need: Canned meat/fish | Canned fruit | Canned beans | Peanut Butter and Jelly

EXHIBITION

AT THE
POCANTICO CENTER



WOVEN WONDERS

KYKUIT'S PICASSO TAPESTRIES

200 Lake Rd, Tarrytown NY 10591



WOVEN WONDERS: KYKUIT'S PICASSO TAPESTRIES

On view May 29, 2026–March 20, 2027

Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free guided exhibition tours on the first Saturday at 2 p.m. of each month

Woven Wonders: Kykuit's Picasso Tapestries showcases eight monumental tapestries based on Pablo Picasso's bold paintings and handwoven with his approval by Jacqueline de la Baume Dürrbach (1920–1989) between 1955 and 1975. The exhibition explores the origins and painstaking artistry behind this unique commission for Nelson A. Rockefeller and an extraordinary collaboration between artists, curators, and collectors.

This will be the first time since the 2014 exhibition at the San Antonio Museum of Art that the tapestries are on view outside of Kykuit.

Woven Wonders is organized by The Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. It is curated by Katrina London, curator, with support from Elizabeth Marriott, collections and curatorial projects assistant at Pocantico. The exhibition is based on foundational research and text by former Kykuit Curator Cynthia B. Altman.

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To register & for more information,
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