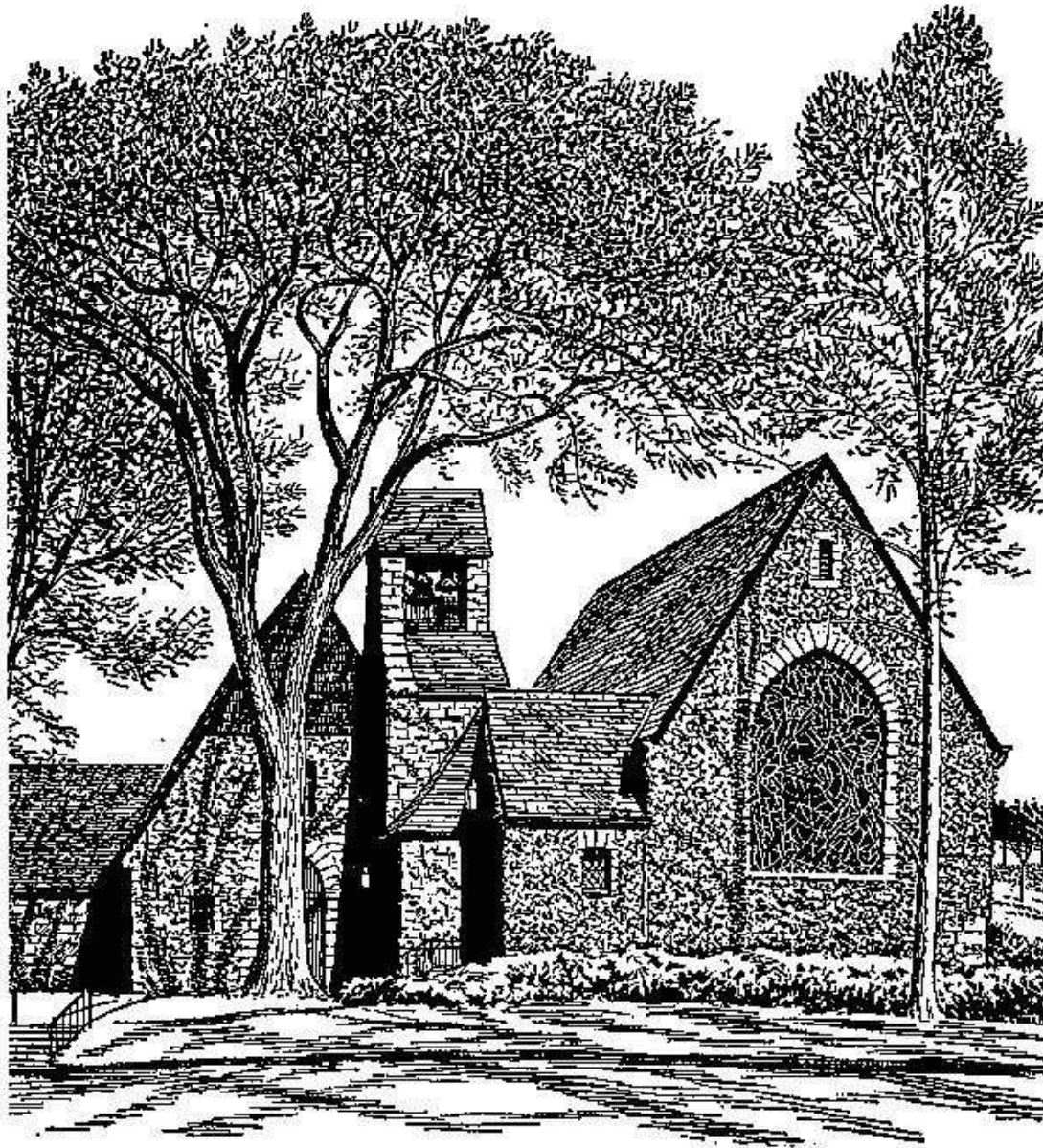


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

JUNE 14, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



REV. PATRICIA CALAHAN – *PASTOR*

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FELLOWSHIP HOSTED BY THE DEACONS



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.

TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY:

THE SURPRISING WAYS GOD WORKS THROUGH FRAGILE PEOPLE

What if weakness is not the end of the story, but the place where grace begins? Over the next four weeks, our sermon series, Treasure in Jars of Clay, will explore the surprising ways God works through fragile, ordinary people. Through Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, we will explore themes of comfort in hardship, light shining through broken places, reconciliation in a divided world, and the grace that meets us when we are weary and overwhelmed. Together, we will discover the treasure that God places in our fragile clay pots.

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

Siciliano

John Alcock Jr. (1740-1791)

INTROIT

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

(Verses 1 & 4))

WELCOME

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

When we hear birds sing, who made them?

God made them!

When we see flowers bloom, who made them?

God made them!

When we gather with friends and family, who is with us?

God is with us!

When we sing, pray, and learn together, what do we do?

We worship God!

Let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN 267**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

You created us to live together in peace,
but sometimes we hurt one another.

We get angry.
We leave people out.
We make fun of others.
We stop talking to people when we are upset.

Forgive us, O God.

**Give us brave hearts to make things right,
gentle words to heal what is broken,
and loving spirits that reflect your love.**

Thank you for never giving up on us and for helping us become peacemakers.

Amen.

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**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal 316 (stanza one)

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

2nd Corinthians 5:14-20 (NRSVUE)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

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 Creation"

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

INSERT

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Precious Lord

***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**

CELEBRATING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

François Couperin

Trio for two manuals on the *Cromorne and Basse de Tierce*

**Congregation standing*

SENDING

543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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GREEN TYLER
9.8.9.5.5



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00AM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

AFTER WORSHIP

JUNE 17TH FINAL CLASS UNTIL THE FALL

EVERY THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY by Zoom 7:00pm – 8:00pm

PRIVATE GROUP MEETING 6:30pm - 8:00pm

MEET OUR NEW ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: JOE FUSARO TODAY

Lumina Arts at Union Church of Pocantico Hills is delighted to welcome artist and educator Joe Fusaro as our new Artist-in-Residence. Joe is with us today, and all are warmly invited to meet him after the service, hear more about his work, and learn about the programs he will lead at Lumina beginning this fall.

SPECIAL WORSHIP PLANS!

Pastor Tricia will be on study leave and vacation for Sundays, June 28-July 12. Our church leadership is ready to fill in and lead worship! Over the past month, Pastor Tricia has been working with our talented lay preachers. We have been digging into scripture and thinking carefully about what these texts may say to us today. We all have different lives and contexts and can bring fresh perspectives to our congregation. Each Sunday will have a team to lead the worship service with one person serving as preacher. We will hear from each of our six preachers over the course of the year. We look forward to listening for God's voice together! Here's the preaching schedule:

June 28th, Kim Perry

July 5th, Bob Sweeney

July 12th, Nelson Rockefeller

JUNE 21ST –FATHER'S DAY/ANNUAL PICNIC/BBQ

Join us as we celebrate Father's Day and our Annual Church Picnic & BBQ on Sunday, June 21st! We invite you to sign up to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share as we gather in fellowship and enjoy delicious food. Whether it's a sweet treat or a savory favorite, your contribution will help make our annual event a joyful and memorable day for all. The Sign-up sheet is located in the fellowship hall.

CHAGALL'S CLOSET – IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

What to Donate: Gently used antiques, art, jewelry and collectible treasures.

Interested in helping at Chagall's Closet? – Contact Elizabeth Coogan or Ruth Tedder

Drop off donations during Fellowship hour or contact Natasha to drop off during a weekday.

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