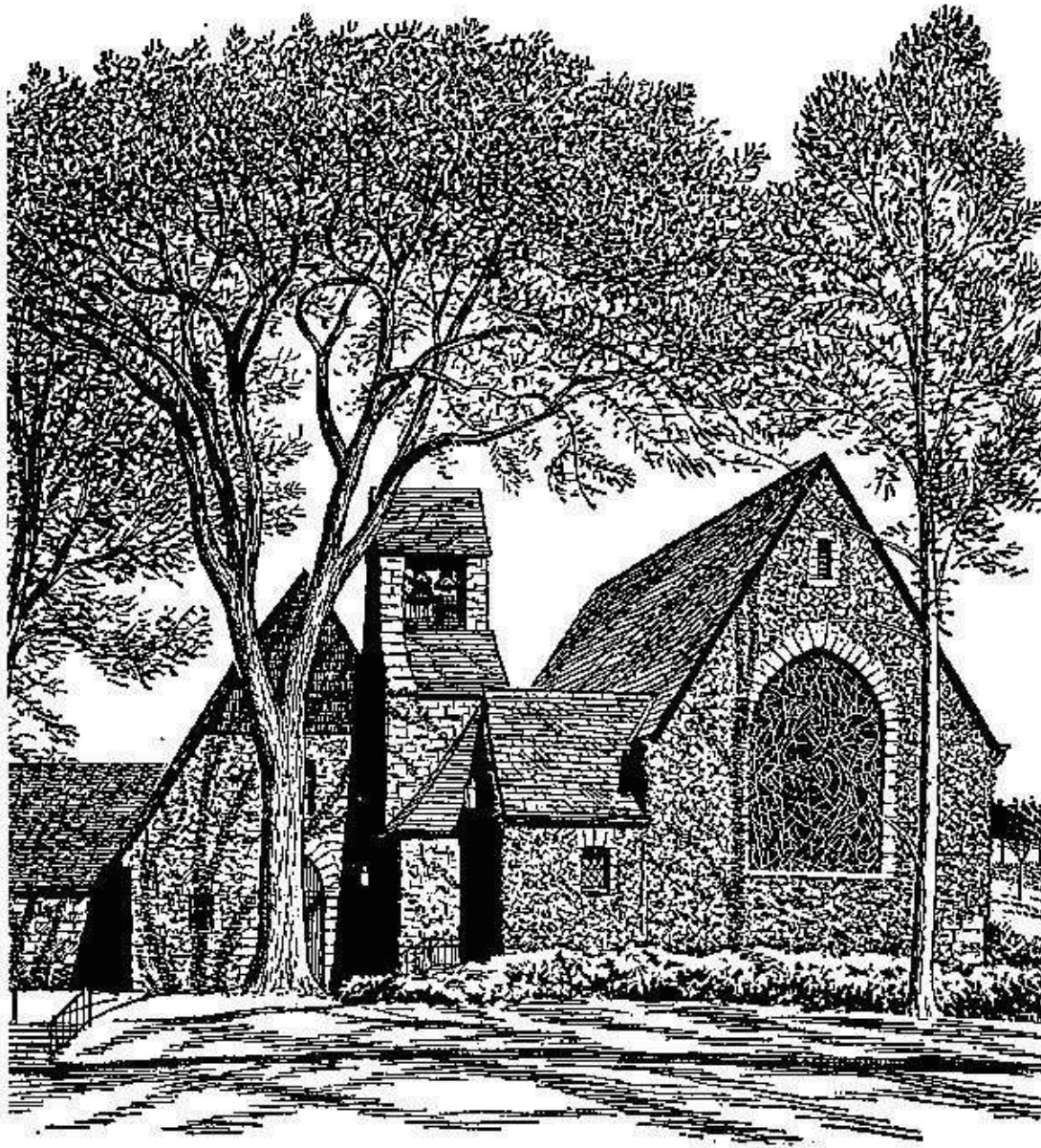


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

JUNE 21, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



REV. PATRICIA CALAHAN – *PASTOR*

DR. KATIA KRAVITZ – *ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR*

YVETTE LIN – *DEACON*

BOB SWEENEY – *USHER*

ANNUAL PICNIC/FATHER'S DAY



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.

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

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Andante from Voluntary in F, Op. 7 No. 6

WELCOME

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

God has gathered us from many places and many paths.

We come as one community in Christ.

We bring our joys and concerns, our questions and our hopes.

God receives us with grace.

We give thanks for friendship, fellowship, and the gift of this day.

We give thanks for God's faithfulness in every season.

Let us worship the God who calls us together and sends us forth in love.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 263**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Beth Merrill Neel

Our hearts are hard, O God –

Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God –

Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal 464 (stanza one)

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15 (NRSVUE)

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?"¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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

"Laugh!"

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN 458**

Earth and All Stars

DEXTER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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 GRADUATES

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 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C major BWV 952

J. S. Bach

**Congregation standing*



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00AM

CHILDCARE 10:15AM – 11:00AM

ANNUAL PICNIC/BBQ AFTER WORSHIP ON THE BACK LAWN

EVERY THURSDAY

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

PASTOR ON VACATION – JUNE 27 TO JULY 13

Pastor Tricia will be on a combination of study leave and vacation from June 27-July 13. We look forward to having our lay worship team lead our services!

KIM PERRY PREACHING NEXT WEEK

Kim Perry will be preaching next Sunday, June 28th, accompanied by Carla DeLandri and Bill Graham. Please forward pastoral care needs to our wonderful Deacons. Pastor Tricia will be back in worship on July 19th.

UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS ANNOUNCES

2026 JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Board of Deacons of Union Church of Pocantico Hills is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Adam Goldstein | **Valentine Hill** | **Nicholas Perry**

These outstanding individuals were selected for their strong character, leadership potential, and commitment to making a positive impact in their communities.

We are proud to support them as they pursue their educational goals and future endeavors.

Congratulations to our 2026 scholarship winners! We wish them continued success in their academic journeys and beyond.



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FATHER'S DAY/ANNUAL PICNIC/BBQ

Join us after today after service as we celebrate Father's Day and our Annual Church Picnic & BBQ!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is off for summer break. We will return in September!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the 2026-2027 Sunday School year. The new registration form can be found on our website, or you can email Natasha at office@unionchurchph.org.

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.

WOVEN WONDERS: KYKUIT'S PICASSO TAPESTRIES

Event Dates: May 29, 2026 to March 20, 2027

Place: The David Rockefeller Creative Arts Center at Pocantico

Visit www.pocantico.org for program details and registration information

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