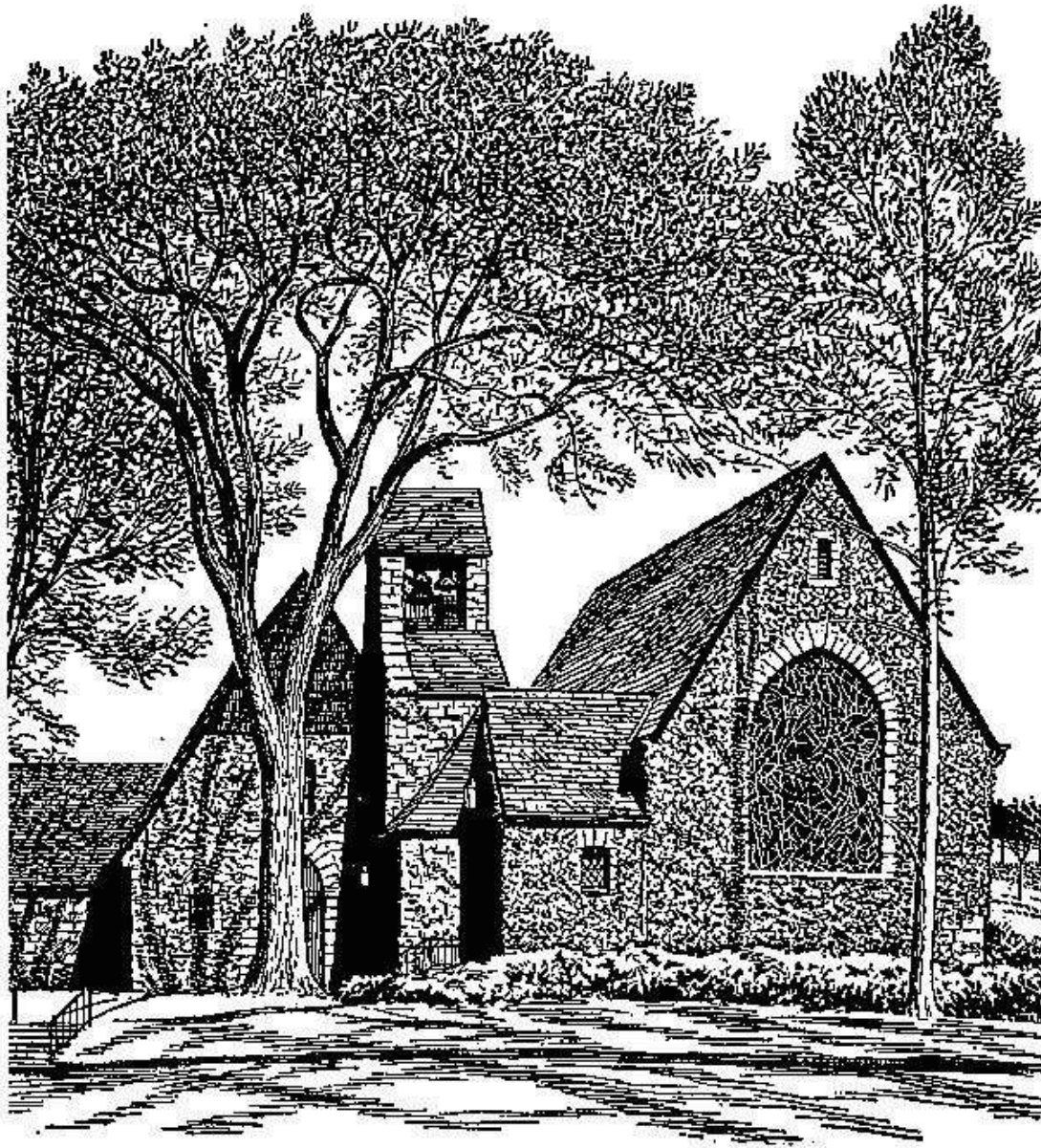


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

JUNE 7, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



REV. PATRICIA CALAHAN – *PASTOR*

DR. KATIA KRAVITZ – *ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR*

DAWN LORENZ - *DEACON*

MICHAEL LORENZ – *USHER*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTED BY OUR FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES



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.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Janet L. Graham, dedicated by Bill and Gloria Graham.

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

François Couperin

Plein Jeu from *Messe pour les Convents de Religieux et Religieuses*

INTROIT

Horatio G. Spafford (1873)

It Is Well with My Soul

WELCOME

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

written by Beth Merrill Neel

Joy, wonder, delight –

Doubt, peace, restlessness –

Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety –

Confidence, hope, pardon:

We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

Unburdened and awaiting

Let us worship God.

***HYMN 504**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we spend so much energy trying to appear strong, polished, and successful.

We hide our weakness. We fear our limitations. We compare ourselves to others and forget the treasure you have entrusted to us.

Forgive us for believing that we must be flawless before you can work through us. Remind us that your light still shines through cracked vessels, through tired people, through imperfect churches, through ordinary lives filled with grace. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may carry your love with humility and hope.

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

2nd Corinthians 4:5-12, 16-18 (NRSVUE)

⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹ persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us but life in you.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

John Rutter (1945)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

***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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (BOLD IN UNISON)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad...

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with these our own saints, and all the faithful of every time and place, we sing together:

CHORAL RESPONSE

Setting (1980) Joseph Roff

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Communion will be served by intinction

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNION CLASS

Abby Cahill

Vivien Cook

Johnny Generelli

Austin Littlejohn

Evan Littlejohn

Evelyn Reed

SENDING

***HYMN 554**

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

François Couperin

Fugue on the Trompette from Messe pour les Convents de Religieux et Religieuses

**Congregation standing*



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP	10:00AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:15AM – 11:00AM
CHILDREN'S REHEARSAL	11:15AM-11:30AM	FELLOWSHIP HOUR	AFTER WORSHIP

WEEKLY CLASSES

EVERY WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY by Zoom 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th - Communion

June 14th – Last day of Sunday School

June 21st – Annual BBQ

LAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL TODAY

After Sunday School, students will meet Katia in the Choir Room from **11:00am to 11:30am** today.

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. Sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the fellowship hall – we look forward to celebrating together!

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

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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