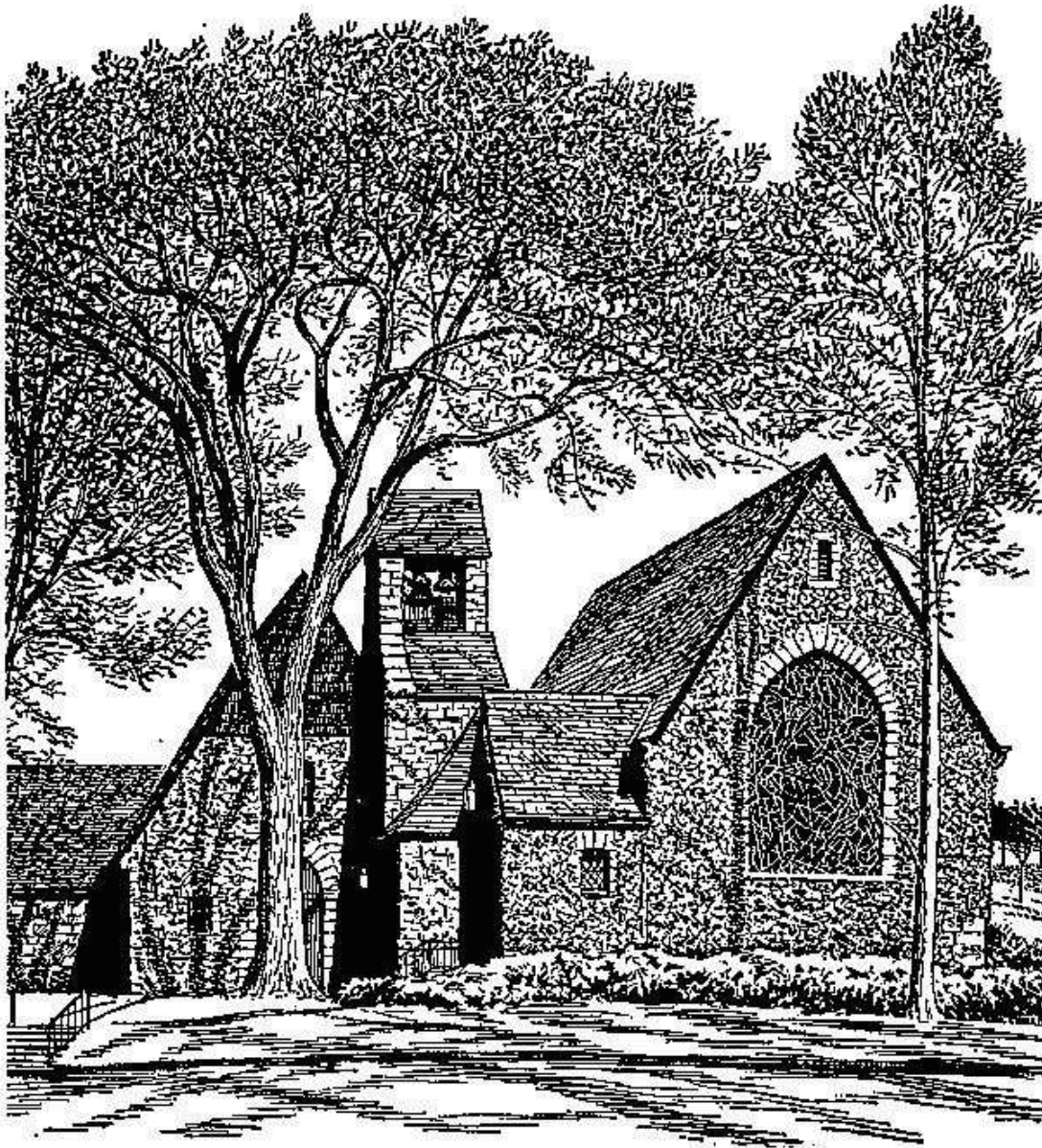


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

JULY 05, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

BOB SWEENEY, BILL GRAHAM AND CARLA DELANDRI

DR. KATIA KRAVITZ – *ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR*

SARAH RODRIQUEZ - *DEACON*

JOHN GARIBALDI – *USHER*

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.

FROM THE PEWS TO THE PULPIT

Who gets to preach? The obvious answer is "the pastor," but the New Testament offers a broader vision. God equips the church with many gifts, many voices, and many ways of proclaiming the good news. This summer, while Pastor Tricia is away on vacation, three members of our congregation will lead us in worship and preaching. Over the past several weeks they have been studying Scripture, practicing sermon preparation, and reflecting on how God's Word speaks to our lives today. Their sermons will differ in style, perspective, and focus, but together they offer a reminder that the Holy Spirit is not limited to a single voice. We invite you to listen with curiosity and expectation as we hear what God may be saying through members of our own church family.

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

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Trumpet Tune, called Bonduca

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (BOLD IN UNISON)

We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven

We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people

God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.

And we do not journey alone.

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*HYMN 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will now be escorted to childcare by our Christian Ministry Staff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.

Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,

we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:

around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter;

beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,

the betrayal of one another;

and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.

**O Trinity of love,
Forgive us that we may forgive one another,
Heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.**

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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 464 (stanza one)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

Matthew 18:15-20 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ "Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

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

"As We Gather Together"

Bob Sweeney

***HYMN**

Together We Serve

INSERT

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Noel Paul Stookey

Wedding Song (There Is love)

Soloists: Adam Goldstein, tenor

Kalyn Powers, soprano

He is now to be among you at the calling of your hearts

Rest assured this troubadour is acting on His part.

The union of your spirits, here, has caused Him to remain

For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name
There is Love, there is Love.

A man shall leave his mother and a woman leave her home
And they shall travel on to where the two shall be as one.
As it was in the beginning is now and till the end
Woman draws her life from man and gives it back again.
And there is Love, there is Love.

Well then what's to be the reason for becoming man and wife?
Is it love that brings you here or love that brings you life?
And if loving is the answer, then who's the giving for?
Do you believe in something that you've never seen before?
Oh there is Love, there is Love.

Oh the marriage of your spirits here has caused Him to remain
For whenever two or more of you are gathered in His name
There is Love, there is Love.

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***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 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Friends,
Let us leave this place with spirits lighter than when we came in;
Trusting in God's steadfast love.
We will invest in others as God has invested in us;
Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Spirit.
The blessing of the eternal God is upon us:
redeeming grace,
enfolding love,
enduring fellowship.
Now and forever.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major BWV 553

J. S. Bach

**Congregation standing*

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm7) Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am7) Cm7 (Dsus) (D) Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (C) E $\flat$ (Bm) Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am) Cm (D7) F7 (G) B $\flat$

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

NELSON ROCKEFELLER PREACHING NEXT WEEK

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 continue to lead our services! Nelson Rockefeller will be preaching next Sunday, July 12th, accompanied by Bob Sweeney and Bill Graham. Please forward pastoral care needs to our wonderful Deacons. Pastor Tricia will be back in worship on Sunday, July 19th.

ENCAUSTIC WORKSHOP WITH SARAH B. NELSON

Discover Encaustic Painting workshop, an introduction to painting with hot beeswax.

Sunday, July 26, 12:00–4:00 PM | Lumina Arts Contact sarah@radicallyhuman.com !

SLEEPY HOLLOW FOOD PANTRY – SUMMER VOLUNTEER

The SHHS Pantry operates because we have wonderful volunteers every week. While school is not in session, we don't have as many volunteers. We need your help! Set-up is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and distribution is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please scan the QR code to sign up:

July 6 and July 20 (ALL SLOTS FILLED)

August 3 and August 17 (6 SLOTS AVAILABLE)



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.

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