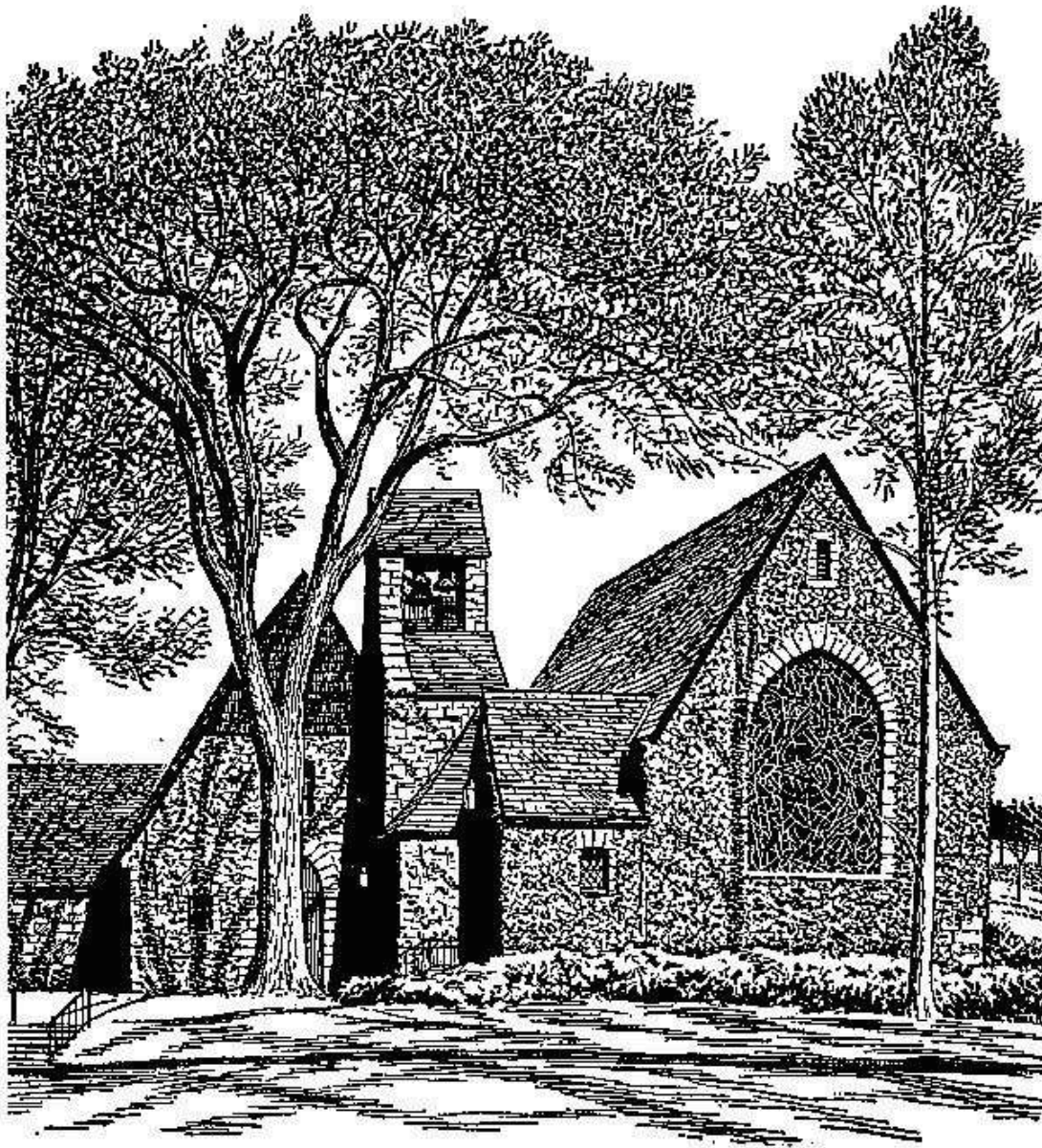


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

JULY 19, 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



REV. PATRICIA CALAHAN - *PASTOR*

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KIM PERRY - *DEACON*

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FELLOWSHIP HOSTED BY KIM & GREG PERRY



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.

ORDINARY PEOPLE OF FAITH

The Bible is filled with people we might easily overlook. They are servants, widows, children, outsiders, and shepherds. These figures are often even unnamed. Yet, these are often the very people through whom God changes the world. This summer we will discover what their stories reveal about God's surprising way of working, and about our own calling as ordinary people of faith.

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.

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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

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Interlude

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (BOLD IN UNISON)

We gather before the God who knows us completely.
God knows our names and calls us beloved.

The world notices success, strength, and appearance.
God looks upon the heart.

The overlooked are seen.
The forgotten are remembered.
The ordinary are called.
Thanks be to God, whose love reaches each one of us.

Come, let us worship the God who sees what is hidden.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will now be escorted by our Christian Ministry Staff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
You see gifts we have overlooked,
possibilities we have dismissed,
and callings we have ignored.

We confess that we do not see as you see.
We judge too quickly.
We compare ourselves with others.
We assume that someone else is more gifted,
more faithful,
more worthy of your call.

Open our eyes to your image in one another.
Open our hearts to your call upon our own lives.
Give us the courage to answer with trust,
and to follow wherever your Spirit leads.

In Christ's name we pray. 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

1 Samuel 16:1–13 (NRSVUE)

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

“Left in the Field”

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN 400**

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SENOR

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

César Franck (1822-1890)

Panis Angelicus

Solo: Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo

***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**

Come! Live in the Light!

INSERT

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Gigue BWV 590

**Congregation standing*

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more,
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular



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

ENCAUSTIC WORKSHOP WITH SARAH B. NELSON

2 Spots Remaining – Register Today!

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 DONATIONS/VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The SHHS Pantry operates because we have wonderful volunteers every week. While school is not in session, we don't have as many volunteers. - **All slots have been filled**

You can still help by donating canned goods to the pantry. Please drop off non-perishable food items and canned food items in the red bin located in the parish hall.

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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