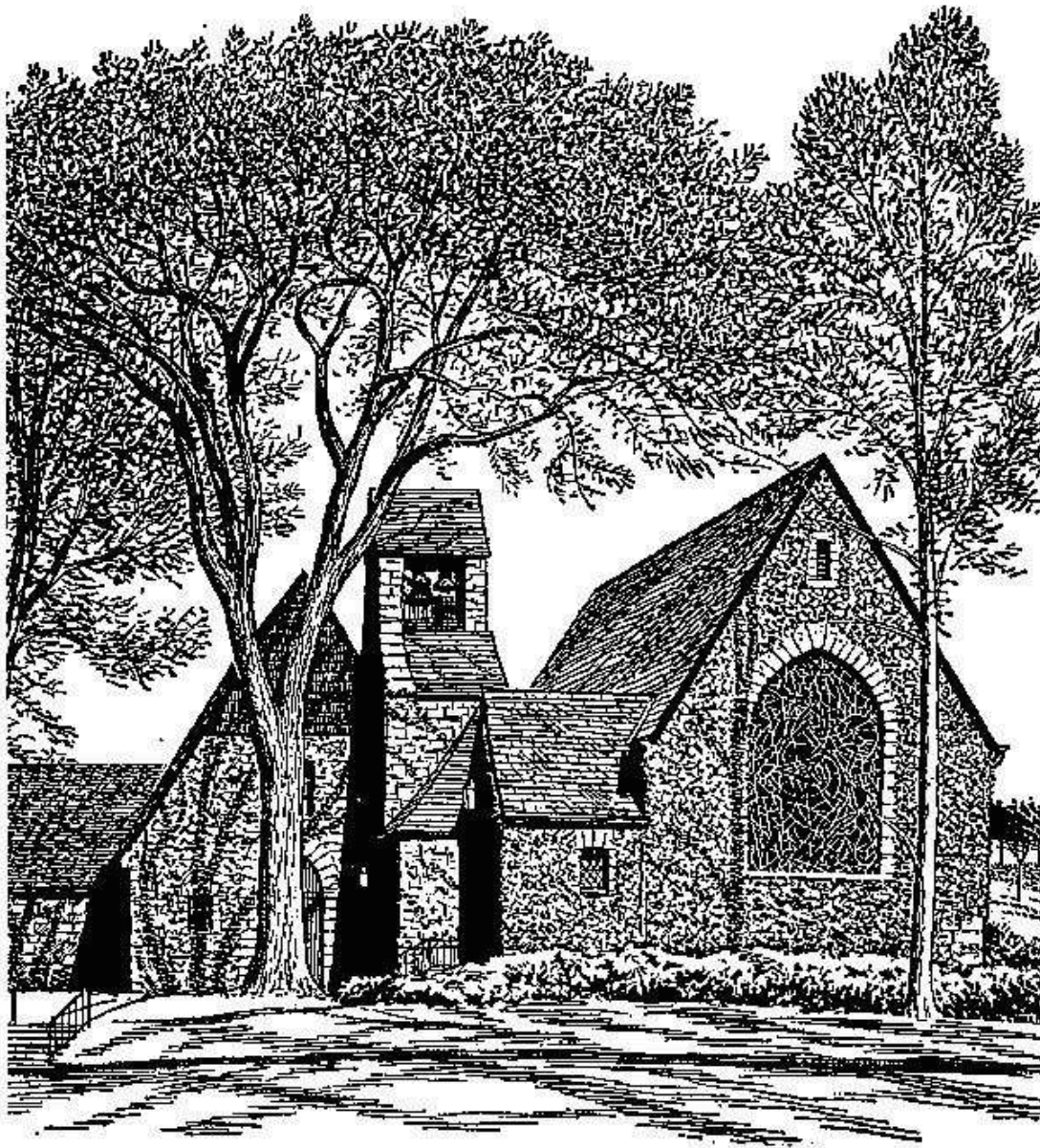


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

AUGUST 30, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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.

FISH STORIES

Have you ever noticed that the Gospel stories are a little “fishy?” They aren’t fishy in the sense of smelling a little funny or carrying other “fishy” overtones. The Gospels simply contain many significant stories involving fish. In fact, the fish became an early symbol of Christianity. Join us for a fun series featuring Gospel stories involving fish!

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

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (BOLD IN UNISON)

Inspired by Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

The waters, the land, and every living thing are gifts of God.

We work with our hands, yet we do not create the world from nothing.

We receive, we tend, we share.

Christ calls us from scarcity into abundance, from possession into discipleship.

Let us worship God, the giver of every good gift.

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children will now be escorted by our Children's Ministry Staff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of deep waters,
we confess that we prefer the safety of the shore.

We stay with what is familiar,
trust what we already know,
and hesitate when you call us deeper.

Forgive us when fear keeps us in shallow waters.

Give us courage to trust your presence,

to listen for your voice,

and to follow where you lead.

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

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

"Divine Fishing Techniques"

Rev. Patricia Calahan

*HYMN

There is a Longing in our Hearts

INSERT

PRAYER

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain Dm *All* Gm C F

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

B^b Gm7 A A7

you to re - veal your - self to us.

Dm Gm C F

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

B^b Gm7 A7 Dm (hold last time) *Fine*

on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All Dm Gm C7 F B^b Gm

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:
 2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:
 3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:
 4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our

A A7 Dm Gm7 C7 F

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
 hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
 hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
 dark - ness. We call you; we wait:

B^b Gm7 A Dm *to Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

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LONGING
 Irregular

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***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 554**

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY AT CHURCH

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

JAZZ SUNDAY & POCANTICO HILLS PICNIC

Sunday, September 13 10:00am to 3:00 pm

Join us for Sunday Service with jazz and original music by Ike Sturm and Arta Jekabsone in the Sanctuary. Followed by a picnic on the church lawn, co-hosted with The Church of the Magdalene.



UNION CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM (NEW)

Open to all children | Grades K-6 | Director: Dr. Katia Kravitz

Rehearsals will be on Fridays from 5:00pm to 5:45pm

(except for the first Friday of the month)

First Rehearsal: Friday, October 9th

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The new Sunday School year begins on Sunday, September 20! We look forward to welcoming our children back and meeting some new faces. Whether you are a returning family or joining us for the first time, please register your child for the upcoming Sunday School year. We can't wait to learn and grow together!



BENEFIT CONCERT TO SUPPORT YOUNG MUSICIANS

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 3 PM

A special Jazz Performance by Musicians from the SUNY Purchase Music Conservatory

Zen Lee, bass | William Hsu, drums | Eric Waters, tenor saxophone | Coyne Connolly, piano

A concert for a great cause!



Enjoy an afternoon of jazz while helping talented students from Sleepy Hollow High School receive musical instruction and opportunities.

Please consider including an additional donation with your ticket purchase.

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