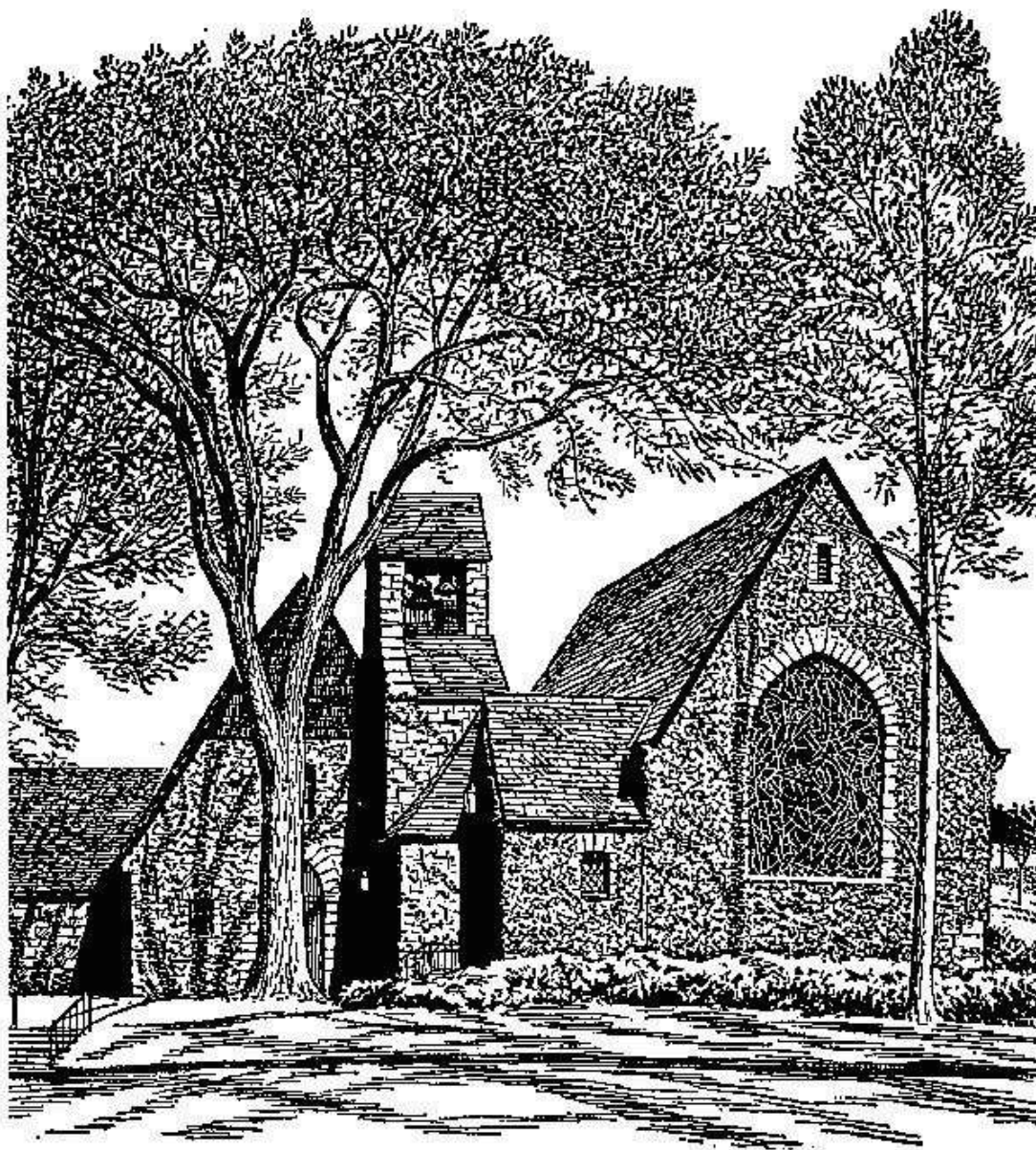


Union Church of Pocantico Hills

SEPTEMBER 06, 2026

FIFTEENTH 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

Diapason Movement

John Keeble (1711-1786)

WELCOME

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

Come, all who are ready and waiting!

Come, all who are hesitant or unsure!

Come, all who dance with joy!

Come, all who are slowed by disappointment!

Come, all who are eager to follow!

Come, all who need to begin again!

Come, all, because Christ invites every one of us
to the table of grace.

Here we are welcomed.

Here we are fed.

Here we are made new.

Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN 425**

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Inviting God,
you call us to a table where grace is abundant
and there is room for all.

Yet we confess that we do not always extend
to others the welcome we have received.

We draw the circle too narrowly.
We invite those who are familiar
and overlook those who stand at the edges.
We decide who belongs, who is worthy,
and who must change before there can be a place for them.

**Forgive us when we guard the table
instead of making room.
Open our hearts, widen our welcome,
and teach us to see those who are hungry
for food, for friendship, for dignity, and for hope.
Having been welcomed by Christ,
may we become a people through whom Christ's invitation is heard:**

Come. There is room for you here. 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

JOHN 21:1-19 (NRSVUE)

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way.² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

"God Calls Us Again and Again"

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN**

For Everyone Born

INSERT

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rob Roy Peery (1900-1973)

God Shall Wipe Away All Tears

Solo: Adam Goldstein

*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.

SENDING

*HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

Fugue in C major BWV 553

**Congregation standing*



THIS WEEK AT UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

TODAY AT CHURCH

Sunday Worship: 10:00am
Fellowship Hour: After Worship
Sunday School/Childcare: 10:00am – 11:00am

Every Monday: Meeting 6:30–8:00pm
Every Thursday: Meeting 7:00- 8:00pm
HHV Tours: Saturdays & Sundays 12:00-4:00pm
REMINDER
SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH PICNIC POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

JAZZ SUNDAY & POCANTICO PARISH PICNIC - Sunday, September 13

10:00am

Join us for Sunday Service with jazz and original music by Ike Sturm and Arta Jekabsone in the Sanctuary.

12:00-3:00pm

Join us on the church lawn for a picnic! Co-hosted with The Church of the Magdalene and Pocantico Firehouse. **See flyer for Potluck information.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20TH!

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!



BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Our Bible Study meets by Zoom on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We will study the scripture text that will be used in worship on the following Sunday. Whether you live near or far, mark your calendars and plan to join us this year. This is a wonderful small community that studies and prays 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. A concert for a great cause!

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

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.*

OCTOBER EVENTS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM (NEW)

Open to all children | Grades K-6
First Rehearsal: Friday, October 9th
Rehearsals will be on Fridays from 5:00-5:45pm
(except for the first Friday of the month)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00AM

All are welcome to join us on the front lawn. Please bring your pets for a special blessing by Rev. Calahan.

• EVERYONE IS WELCOME •

Pocantico Parish Picnic

Pizza

Hot Dogs

Lawn Games

A Magician!

WHEN

Sunday
September 13, 2026
12:00–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

**Union Church of
Pocantico Hills Lawn**
If it rains, Pocantico Firehouse

Please plan to bring potluck items, by your last name.

A–L Salads

M–Z Desserts



Put on by the

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OF POCANTICO HILLS





LUMINA ARTS CONCERT SEASON

A special jazz performance

Musicians from the SUNY Purchase Music Conservatory play a benefit for MusicWorks — one-on-one lessons for talented students from Sleepy Hollow High School.

SUN, SEP 27, 2026 · 3 PM

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\$25 / \$30



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