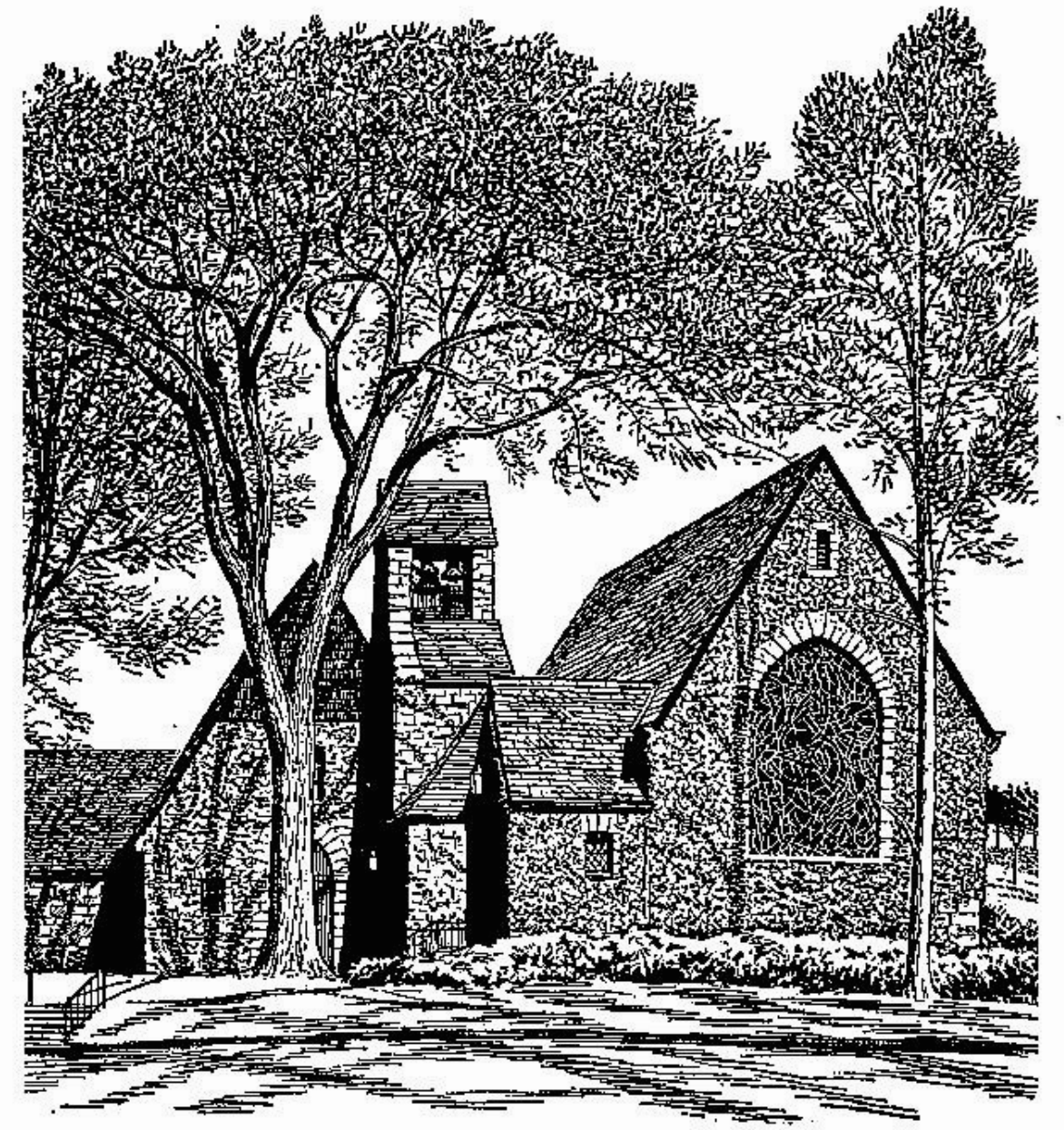
Union Church of Pocantico Hills

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS DAY



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BOB SWEENEY – ***USHER***

EVELYN HADAD AND JOHN LYDEN - HOSTS

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.

Gospel = Good News!

The word "Gospel" actually means "Good News!" Christianity begins with good news about what God has done and an invitation to live within the future God is bringing. This fall, we will explore some of the questions at the heart of Christian faith:

- Who is the God Jesus reveals?
- Why did Jesus die?
- What does resurrection mean?
- What are we saved for?
- Why church?
- What about "the others?"

Together, we will listen for the ways Scripture unsettles inherited answers, enlarges our understanding, and invites us into lives of grace, hope, reconciliation, and love.

Ephesians 2:8-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

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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 J. S. Bach
Ich folge Cristo nach from Cantata BWV 12 Jonathan Guss solo

INTROIT BLEST ARE THEY
Blessed Are They

WELCOME

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

For all the saints who went before us who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, especially the saints of our own congregation who faithfully lived out the call to follow Jesus and now live eternally with you:

Patricia Fearon
Lorraine Fusaro
Edward Galanek
James Hamilton
Richard F. Tiedeman

We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us who challenge us to change the world with them,
We praise you, O God.

***HYMN 526** "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

CHILDREN'S TIME
Children will now be escorted by our Children's Ministry Staff

Prayer of Confession

God of hope,
you have bound our lives together
and promised to make all things new.
Yet we often live as though we must save ourselves.
We guard our own futures
and overlook our neighbors' needs.
We grow accustomed to suffering
and doubt that anything can change.

Forgive us.
Widen our hope to embrace all you love.
When we are weary, help us receive the faith of others.
When others struggle, give us strength to walk beside them.
With all your saints, teach us to live in trust,
caring for one another and your whole creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 — Hymn 473 (vs. 1)

For the Beauty of the Earth — DIX

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:31-39 (NRSVUE)

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not
withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything
else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn?
It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also
intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or
persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced
that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord

SECOND LESSON

Revelations 21:1-6 (NRSVUE)

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed
away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the
throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said,
"Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the
Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the
spring of the water of life

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 "What is our Hope?" Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" INSERT

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Bob Sweeney

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Digital plate offering is available on page two (2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM by Bob Chilcoot

Be Thou my Vision

***THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS** Hymn 592

Festal Doxology 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 430** "Come Sing, O Church in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

BLESSING

POSTLUDE arr. Hal H. Hopson

For all the Saints

**Congregation standing*



Stewardship Celebration and Luncheon
Sunday, November 8
With All • 2027 Stewardship Campaign

Join us on Sunday, November 8, for our Stewardship Celebration and Luncheon! During worship, we will present our pledge cards together as an offering of gratitude and commitment to the ministry we share. Afterward, we will gather for a luncheon to celebrate the life of Union Church and all that our gifts make possible.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027 and bring your completed card on November 8. Every pledge helps us plan for the year ahead and sustain our worship, music, children's programs, and service to our neighbors. There is a place for everyone to participate.

You are welcome to return your card early. We will include it in the presentation on your behalf so that all our pledges are offered together.

Let's celebrate the gifts we bring and the ministry we make possible together!

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1–2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

This Week

Sunday, November 1 – November 7

SUN NOV 1

Worship Service | Sunday School

10:00 AM

All Saints' Day

We will honor those in our church family who have passed.

WED NOV 4

Zoom Bible Study

7:00 – 8:00 PM

We study the scripture text that will be used in worship the following Sunday. Email Natasha to be added to the email list.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, November 14 – Play with Fire (And Beeswax)

Curiosity is the only prerequisite. 12:00 – 4:00 PM at Lumina Arts at UCPH. $175, all materials included. Limited to six participants. To register: Sarah@radicallyhuman.com

Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 PM – Johnny Gandelsman Concert

Questions? Contact the church office: 914-631-2069 | office@unionchurchph.org



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Johnny Gandelsman

Solo Concert · Violin

SUN, NOV 15, 2026 • 3 PM • $25 / $30

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