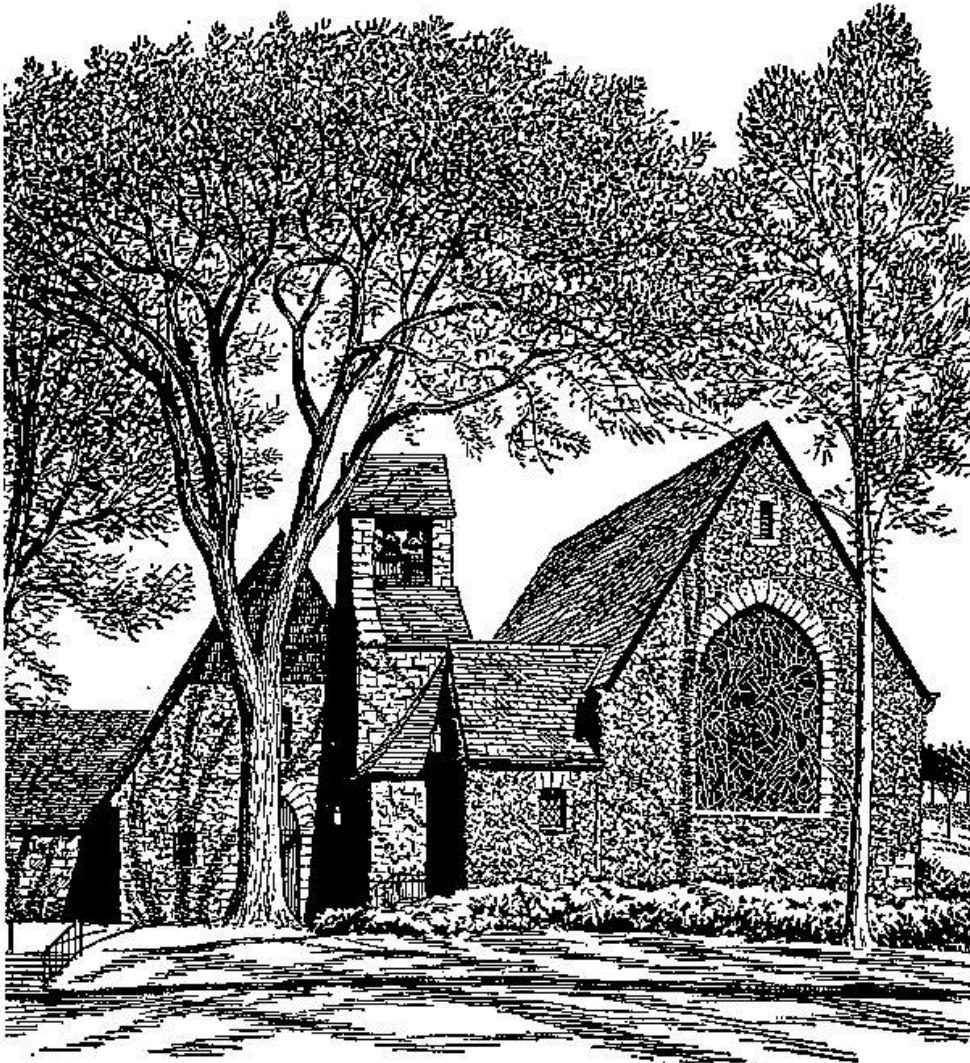


MAY 5, 2024
WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

Rev. Patricia Calahan — *Pastor*

Simona Frenkel — *Organist and Music Director*

Yvette Lin — *Deacon*

Bob Sweeney — *Usher*



WELCOME TO UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

If you are our guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card found at the back of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month and at special services.

We have hearing assistance devices available. Please let our ushers know if you would like one and they will assist you.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed to YouTube. We ask that you be aware of the expanded public nature of our worship and use discretion when offering prayer requests.

We offer childcare for infants and young children. Please speak to one of the ushers and they will guide you to the children's room.

We offer Sunday School for children ages three (potty-trained) and above. Our Sunday School children join us for worship and are dismissed to Sunday School following the children's message. Children can be picked up in the Sunday School room following the service.

We invite you to join us for Fellowship Hour. All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation in the parish hall following the service. Today's Fellowship hour is hosted by Yvette Lin and Zoe.

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 on Service Music Themes

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Aria in c minor, BWV 590

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

"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.*

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Bold in unison)

Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2017

With nature in its power and beauty,
with rain and wind and sunshine,
with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide,
with people in every land,
and speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With angels and saints in heaven,
with those who built a congregation here
and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence
and the Spirit who showers her blessings,
we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

***HYMN 481**

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

Llanfair

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(**Bold** in unison)

Gracious God,
For the right roads we avoided travelling,
and the kindly words we refused to share;
for the false gods who received our worship
and the true selves we have starved of love...
God by your grace,
forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,
and the promises which we never kept;
for the careless use of our time and money
and the lame excuses we should never have made,
God by your grace,
forgive us.

For all we should be
and all we can amend,
God, in your love,
renew us.

For all you have in store for us
and all you may demand of us,
God, in your love,
prepare us.

For the life of the world
and the love of its people,
God, in your love,
commit us.

SILENT PRAYERS

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear and believe these words of Jesus:

your sins are forgiven.

Come and follow me.

Glory to the Creator who gives us life,

Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us,

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.

Glory be to God. Amen

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia! Al – le – lu – ia!

Al – le – lu – ia! Al – le – lu – ia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

“DIVERSITY IN UNITY”

Rev. Patricia Calahan

***HYMN 375**

“Lord of All Good”

Toulon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Access online giving by texting “UCPH” to 77977 on your smartphone
and following the link that will appear.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”

Robert Ray

Nancy Schelhas, Marianne Martin-Pagello
Brandon Pencheff-Martin and the choir

***THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

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 God 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:

**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,
hosanna in the highest.**

Communion will be served by intinction.

COMMUNION-HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

John B. Foley
Brigid Mack, alto

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 343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Beecher

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

DIX

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**Congregation standing*

MUSIC NOTES

Robert Ray, the composer of the celebrated “Gospel Mass,” firmly believes that divine inspiration played a significant role in its creation. This distinctive composition seamlessly combines the traditional Catholic Mass text with the lively rhythms and melodies of African-American music. Ray expresses his unwavering conviction that God influences everything he does. Today, our choir will perform the final section of the Gospel Mass, the beautiful “Agnus Dei,” complete with its unique final amen, which imitates the sound of a human voice carillon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please note, to protect privacy, we sometimes use only first names or omit names in prayer requests. We trust that God knows who is in need of care as we pray.

To update or add a request, please speak to the Deacon on service today after worship or email the office at office@unionchurchph.org.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: for Fred's wonderful friends, recognizing you're never too old or young to be baptized or join a new church family, Charles's friend joining him today, for the Cahills, Charles, Kayln, and Fred officially joining our church family.

Prayers of healing and support: Joan's daughter-in-law working in Jordan for the next three months, peace and love on our college campuses, Michael's uncle as he struggles with cancer, Cheryl going through some life struggles.

BIBLE STUDY, BY ZOOM WEDNESDAY 7:00 – 8:00 PM

This week's Bible study will explore Acts 1:1-11, in preparation for Ascension Sunday. No preparation is required. We would love to have you join our growing group!

PICTURE DAY TODAY!

Today, Greg Perry will be taking some photos during the worship service. We will use these photos for our website, social media, and internal emails to our community. If you prefer not to be in the photos, that's OK! We'll tell you where to sit. We look forward to being able to show our community that this is a vibrant and growing church!

CHAGALL'S CLOSET

Back by popular demand, the door to CHAGALL's CLOSET is opening again on **Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19, 11:30-3:00pm. Save the Date!**

Donations of gently used clothing, antiques and collectibles will be accepted:

Thursday and Fridays, 8:30am-10:30am

Sundays, 11:30-12:30 (after services).

A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is available in the Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT EVENT HERE!

Do you know someone who is looking to get married? Did you know you can rent the Parish Hall for birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers, wedding receptions, etc. Contact Natasha in the church office and she will help you organize your event.

SLEEPY HOLLOW HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Most Needed Food Items: *Canned Meat/Fish *Canned Beans *Peanut butter and Jelly

Sleepy Hollow High School Food Pantry is a volunteer-run organization that distributes food each week to families with children registered in the Public Schools of Tarrytown who are experiencing food insecurity. **Please donate to the school pantry.**

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like flowers to be placed on the Altar in honor of or in memory of someone, you may order them by completing the green form located in the Parish Hall or you can call the church office.

CALLING ALL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee hour is a wonderful time to catch up with folks and welcome new friends. You don't have to do it alone either team up with a friend or neighbor. The deacons make the coffee and set out the cups and accompaniments and you supply the snacks and milk. Help us keep this delightful gathering a success after worship.

Please consider hosting or Co-hosting Fellowship Hour. The sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen door in the Parish Hall.

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WELCOME TO UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

Date:

Name:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Address:

Email:

- ☐ Please add me to your email list.
- ☐ I would like to meet the Pastor.
- ☐ I would like to have my wedding here.
- ☐ I would like to have my child baptized here.
- ☐ I would like to speak to the pastor about a Memorial service.

The Mission of Union Church:
.... To provide a home where all are welcome
to worship God,
to learn and grow as Christians, and
to share our love, friendship and support