

UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

555 Bedford Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
914-631-2069
www.ucph.org

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday– Friday

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
with all those whose lives we touch.

Staff

Lindley DeGarmo, *Interim Pastor*

Cell: 443-564-5125

ldegarmo@comcast.net

Richard Coffey, *Organist and Music Director*

Cell: 860-670-1366

richardcoffey10801@gmail.com

Jennifer Gill, *Business Administrator*

unionchurchph@optonline.net

Clerk of the Congregation

David Bartholomew

282-3631

Board of Deacons

Sharon Dorzbacher, *President* – 769-4374

Joan Coffman	762-0806	Catherine Pollock	747-3671
Carole Erdman	845-831-1712	Rebecca Reynolds	402-4691
Karen Garibaldi	843-2944	Melissa Share	610-1016
Susie Michel	400-9576	Carol Staudter	762-8430

Board of Trustees

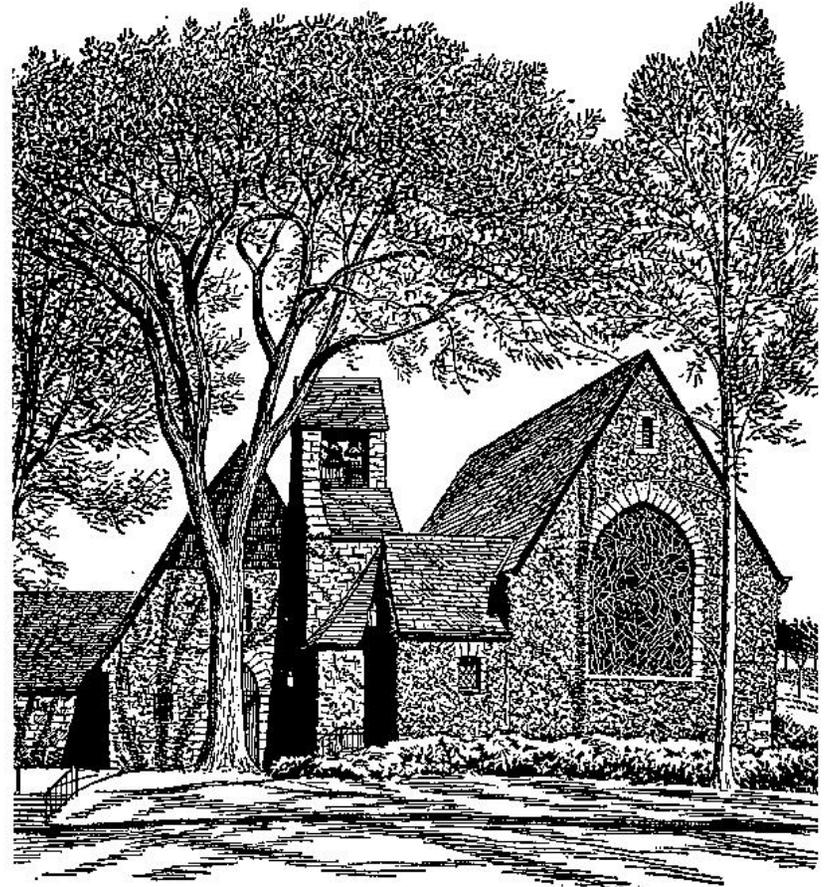
Ruth DiLorenzo, *President* – 524-7102

Carter Dorzbacher	769-4374	Marianne Pagello	882-2178
Rita Chapin	646-629-5341	Kim Perry	646-345-7076
Yvette Lin	772-0659	Todd Rhoda	212-977-9778
Victoria Mattoon	232-8389	Nancy Schellhas	528-8116

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.



Union Church of Pocantico Hills

The Rev. Dr. Lindley G. DeGarmo—*Interim Pastor*

Richard Coffey—*Organist and Music Director*

Carol Staudter—*Deacon*

Sarah Finlayson—*Videographer*

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. Everyone is invited to remain seated for the organ postlude, a final offering of praise.

*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

Please note that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that masks be worn indoors by all person, regardless of vaccination status, particularly when singing.

** Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music: Improvisation on Service Music Themes

The Striking of the Hour

Prelude for Organ Charles Callahan (b 1951)

Variations on *Bunessan*
"Baptized in Water"

*The hymn upon which this work is based
will be sung later in today's service.*

Introit Words (1787): John Rippon

"How Firm a Foundation"

American Folk Melody (1832)

*The setting, based upon today's Old Testament reading,
may be found in the Hymnal, 361, stanzas one and two.*

Call to Worship

I am with you, says the Lord.

Do not fear.

I have called you by name.

Do not fear.

You are mine.

Do not be afraid.

* Hymn 482

Lobe den Herren

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR—All are invited for coffee, tea and conversation in the parish hall following the service. Fellowship time is hosted today by Kathy Belmont and the family of Mary T. Johnson.

FLOWERS—The flowers in the chancel today are given by the family of Mary T. Johnson in honor of her 90th birthday.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED for fellowship hours in the weeks ahead. Please sign up in the parish hall if you can help.

PRAYER REQUESTS—Roselyn DeHoff, Mary T. Johnson, Barbara Smith, Emma Thaler and Byron Weaver.

HEARING ASSISTANCE—The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

CHOIR—Membership in the Union Church Choir is open to all members and friends who enjoy singing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please speak with Richard Coffey.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom [<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81767495135>]. Review and discuss the Scripture readings for next Sunday with Dr. DeGarmo.

ANNUAL MEETING SIGNUPS—The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 30 after a luncheon in the parish hall at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up in the parish hall to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share/

* Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

* Hymn 495

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

Engelberg

* Charge and Blessing

Postlude for Organ

Postlude in C Major

H. Christian Rinck (1770-1846)



The walking stick in the chancel was presented to Dr. DeGarmo by his previous congregation. It serves as a reminder that he is accompanying Union Church on its journey through this transition period between permanent pastors.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed us and claimed us.
Forgive us for refusing your grace
and rejecting your name.
We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.
Help us to live into our baptisms,
to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own,
loving us without limit.
Wash us with your love again,
that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

* Prayers of Silent and Individual Confession

* Words of Assurance

The love of God flows ceaselessly.
The mercy of God never ends.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

* Congregational Response—Hymnal No. 579

Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Gloria be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without End. Amen**

Welcome and Community Celebrations and Concerns

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Second Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."...

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon "Called By Name"

Dr. DeGarmo

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,**

**wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

* Hymn 492

"Baptized in Water"

Bunessan

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory Anthem

Words (1811): Reginald Heber

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

Melody (1892): James Procter Harding

Setting by Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The melody and words, using the original title, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," may be found in the Hymnal, 67.

* Presentation of Gifts—Hymn 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here blow;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**