

LEADING WORSHIP: Our Pastor, Kregg Gabor

HELPING IN WORSHIP

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OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST SUNDAY

Contemplative Prayer Service @ 8am 2 Worship @ 10:00am 128
Sunday School – Adult 10 Children 20 YouTube & Zoom 35

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our members: Steve Allen, Barbara Bates, Cheryl Cass, Ron Cole, Dylan Coughlin, Sue Davis, Sandra DeGuzman, Irene Feller, Veronica Gordon, Emily Griess, Doris Hammel, Gwen Higgins, Pat Hughes, Donna Jonnigan, Danny Jones, Samson Marrine Lee, Betty Longobardi, Lizzy Merolle, Millie Milkovich, Kathleen Nicodemus, Michelle Olavarria, Ray Polivka, Karla Quinlan, Robert Schmidt, Diana Silverman, Michelle Simonis, Catherine White, Sarah-Grace White, Marilyn Zier.

Friends of our church in your prayers: Georgia Kustas-Beurket, Cris and John Burke, Joshell Coleman, Jordan Fidler, Allison and Chad Hagner, Lorry Hetzer, Scott Kara, Edgar Martinez, Hilary McAllister, Rob Post, Jean Slater, Wayne Surico, Ronald Tomaso, Jackie Triguero, Elaine Wintergreen, Clifford Zier. All the innocents affected by wars and conflicts around the world.

Members of the military, active and/or retired, in your prayers: Michael Clear, Staff Sergeant in the Army, Joshua Lord, 1-69 Infantry Medical Platoon Sergeant, NYC; Randal Middleton, Naples, Italy Naval Base, Major Jason Oliver, Texas.

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PUMC
Confirmation Sunday

June 7, 2026

Remember your
Baptism
and be thankful.
You belong
To God.

Words of Welcome

Life of the Church

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus calls people before they understand.

People: We come seeking Christ.

Leader: Christ meets those who reach in faith.

People: We come trusting God's grace.

Leader: Confirmation marks the beginning of a journey.

People :We come ready to follow.

Leader :Let us worship the One who calls us.

People: We worship God with faith seeking understanding.

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise: "Grace Alone"**

"There is Joy in the Lord"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9-13, 18-26

***Hymn of Preparation: "Become to Us the Living Bread"**

UMH 630

Sermon

Confirmation: Tyler Marden, Amanda Myers, Ellis Ticknor

UMH 33

Worship God with Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

UMH 94

Receiving Holy Communion

Call to Confession

Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we often wait for certainty before we trust you. We want clear answers before we follow, and complete understanding before we believe. We hold back when you call, hesitate when you invite, and cling to our own control rather than resting in your grace. Forgive us when fear keeps us from reaching toward Christ. Forgive us when doubt becomes distance, and questions keep us from walking with you. Draw us again into faith. Teach us to trust before we understand, to follow where Christ leads, and to grow in grace along the way. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

***Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"**

UMH 593

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

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**The flowers on the altar are given by Will Cass to the Glory of God and in honor of Will & Cheryl celebrating 32 years of love.**

## Opportunities for You This Week

### SUNDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee with Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:30 Fellowship  
Prayers for the World  
1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion  
2:00 Parkside AA

### MONDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1:00 pm Friendship Circle  
6:30 Gamblers Anonymous

### TUESDAY, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study  
1:00 pm Arts & Crafts Group  
5:30 Primary Purpose AA

### WEDNESDAY, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

7:30 am Morning Prayers  
1:00 pm Sandy's Bible Study  
2:30 Calligraphy Class  
7:00 New Hope AA

### THURSDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

5:30 pm Primary Purpose AA  
6:15 Praise Singers  
7:00 Choir  
Gamblers Anonymous

### FRIDAY, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:30 pm CdA Service

### SATURDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:30 am Gamblers Anonymous  
5:00 Youth Group

### SUNDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:00 am Contemplative Prayer  
8:45 Coffee with Jesus  
10:00 Worship Service  
Sunday School  
11:30 Fellowship  
Prayers for the World  
1:00 pm Casa de Adoracion  
2:00 Parkside AA

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**Become to Us the Living Bread (UMH 630)**  
Lyrics: Mirium Drury  
Music: *Schones Geistiches Gesangbuch*  
Harm. From *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

**Here I Am, Lord (UMH 593)**  
Lyrics: Dan Schutte  
Music: Dan Schutte

\* 1 Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026* Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

**Welcome to Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church.** We are delighted to have you worship with us today!

**We want to be your family of faith.** We hope that you feel at home in our church family, and we encourage those interested in membership to speak with one of the ushers or contact us at 845-452-2933 or by email at [office@pokumc.org](mailto:office@pokumc.org)

**To Those with Little Ones:** Room 36 (upstairs in the education wing) is available as a toddler room with toys and a TV that is tuned into the worship service.

**If you would like to be on the PUMC email distribution,** please go to the church website at [www.pokumc.com](http://www.pokumc.com) and scroll down to **Join Our Mailing List** button.

## Announcements

**Summer Worship & Sunday School:** The current plan is to move worship into Fellowship Hall on June 14<sup>th</sup> so we can take advantage of the air conditioning. Sunday School will continue as normal through June and July. There will not be Sunday School during August.

**Save the Date!** Come join us as we take a trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see the production of Joshua at the Sight and Sound Theatre October 28 and 29. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit is due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A poster with more detailed info is posted around the church.

**Movie With Meaning:** The June movie will be **Cabrini**, and is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. All in the community are invited. You are encouraged to stay after the showing for discussion of the film. As usual, refreshment will be available. *This American biographical drama film depicts the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

**Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>.** Please fill out and return the form that is in the Narthex by June 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to recognize a high school, college, or trade school graduate.

**Friendship Circle will have its annual Pot Luck Lunch Monday** at NOON (this is different from the typical meeting time of 1:00). Please attend and bring an item to share.



### Sermon Summary

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

### “Faith Seeking Understanding”

June 7, 2026—Confirmation Sunday

This meditation centers on the idea that faith seeking understanding is more satisfying, and more faithful, than understanding seeking faith. We often assume we must understand everything before we trust. We think faith should come after certainty. But in Matthew 9, no one understands before moving toward Jesus. Matthew follows immediately. A grieving father kneels in hope. A woman reaches out in quiet trust. They act first, and understanding follows.

The deeper truth is that their faith is not self-generated. Each person is responding to God already at work. Matthew is called. The father is drawn by love and hope. The woman is pulled by trust she cannot explain. God moves first, and faith becomes the response. This keeps the focus on grace rather than on our intellectual achievement. Understanding seeking faith places the burden on us to figure everything out before we begin. Faith seeking understanding trusts that God has already begun something and invites us to follow.

Confirmation reflects this pattern. It is not graduation in understanding, but the beginning of a journey. Confirmands are not claiming certainty. They are saying they trust enough to walk with Christ while continuing to learn. Faith means praying before fully understanding prayer, worshiping before grasping grace, and following Christ before having every answer.

When faith comes first, understanding grows along the way. Questions deepen rather than disappear. Faith becomes more real, not less. Understanding seeking faith often leads to frustration, because certainty always seems just out of reach. Faith seeking understanding leads to discovery, because once we begin walking, we recognize that God was already present.

The promise of the passage is simple. When people reach toward Jesus, Jesus meets them. They did not understand first. They trusted first. Confirmation marks the beginning of that same journey.

## The Faith Statements from our Confirmands

### Amanda:

I believe that God created us, made us in His image.  
I believe that God put us here for a reason, and so I can serve him.  
I believe Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins, and to give us opportunities.  
I believe the Holy Spirit keeps us safe at all times and guides us through life.  
I believe sin is something you shouldn't do, evil possesses you to do bad things.  
I believe everyone deserves forgiveness. I believe everyone also deserves to be given grace.

### Tyler:

I believe in the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit.  
I believe in Jesus being sent down by God to live among the people and share experiences with us.  
I believe in the forgiveness of sin.  
I believe Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected to offer us salvation.  
I believe in eternal life in paradise after death, and I believe in the stories told by many of experiences with God.

### Ellis:

I believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of the universe, who is almighty throughout all eternity, who created and sustains me and all people today and through all eternity, and who cares for the whole universe and all things within it.

I believe in the Son alongside Him, who came to save all people through His birth, life, death, and resurrection, which frees us from our sin, both in what we do and in what we fail to do, and who restores all of His creation to Himself by His free offering for sin.

Lastly, I believe in the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus sent to live with us, to make us more holy and closer to God. I believe in the Bible, which reveals to us God in His three persons. I believe in the Church as Christ's body of believers, united in faith to Jesus Christ, and I believe in the eventual salvation and eternal life with God forever for all those who believe in Him. Amen.