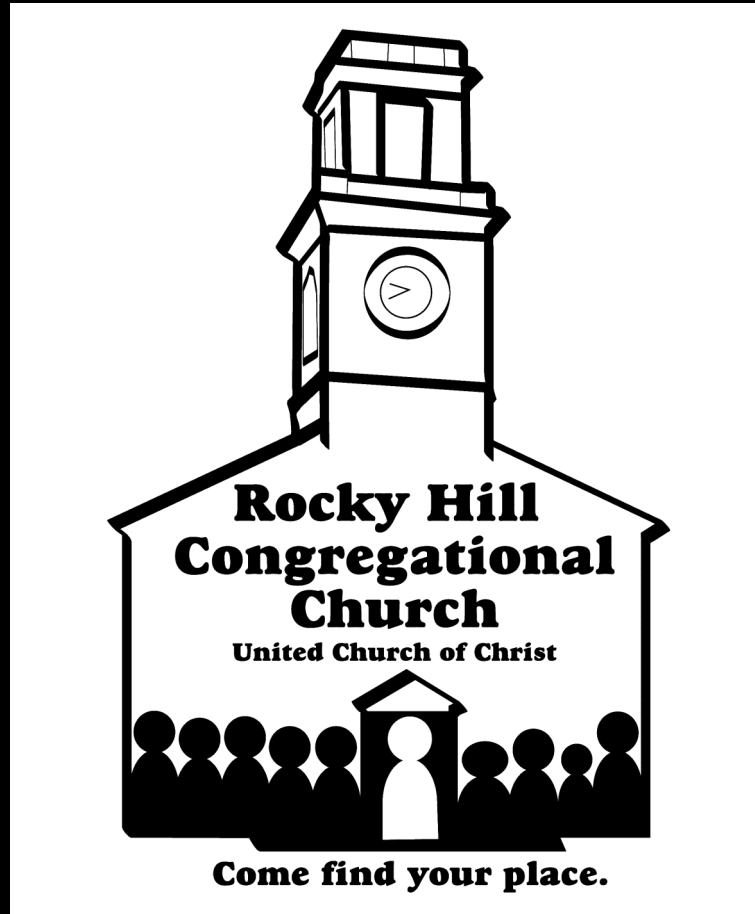


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Join us for worship every Sunday at 10 AM

LENT & EASTER



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COME FIND YOUR PLACE!

2014

PREPARING TOGETHER

Lent is a time of preparation, self-examination, penitence, and special devotion for all Christians as we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lent is an invitation to join together as God's people, and to explore how we can shape our lives in the way of Jesus. It is a time of conversion, an intensification of the movement which is the spiritual rhythm of our lives: a continuous turning away from distractions and sin, and reorientation toward God. Join us in worship, faith formation, and mission, as we walk in the wilderness to prepare to celebrate the new life and good news of Christ's resurrection.

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FAITH FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Congregational Conversation #5

"Church Shouldn't Be This Hard"

11:30 AM—12:15 PM, March 9

This conversation will be based on a recent article of the same name in the Washington Post. It reflects on how the church today is impeding itself through attitudes and assumptions. Hard copies are available at the church.

Small Group Ministry

Two small group ministries have formed for Lent. One focuses on Living the Resurrection through focused readings. The other centers around art and faith. Please keep these groups in prayer throughout Lent. *For more information about small group ministries please see a Pastor.*

Versions of Easter

A one-session conversation, with Rev. Brenda

Offered March 18 at 7 PM and March 20 at 1 PM

When we explore what the Bible says about the resurrection of Jesus, we find four different versions in the four gospels of the New Testament. What can we learn about the nature of the original Christian tradition, the early story-telling, and the foundations of our own faith, when we look at these accounts comparatively? How does each one speak to us, in its differing detail? How do they speak collectively?

WORSHIP

March 2

Fat Sunday

Communion & Intergenerational Worship.

*Special Music from the
RHCC Dixieland Jazz Ensemble*

March 5

Ash Wednesday

12 Noon, Chapel

Worship with imposition of ashes.

Fat Tues./Ash Wed.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Chapin Hall

An ALL Church Gathering. Pancakes with celebration and music, followed by an Ash Wednesday worship service. Join us as we move from dancing to waiting.

March 9

First Sunday in Lent

March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Communion & Intergenerational Worship.

HOLY WEEK

April 13, Palm Sunday

Special Music. Festival of palms, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

April 17, Maundy Thursday

7 PM, Sanctuary

Worship with Service of Tenebrae and communion.

April 18, Good Friday

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, Chapin Hall

A meal and walk through Jesus' last words.

April 19, Holy Saturday

3 PM - 5 PM, Chapin Hall

An ALL Church Gathering.

Prepare for the risen Christ with special family activities, an Easter egg hunt, and worship.

April 20, Easter Sunday

5:40 AM Sunrise Service

at Rose Hill Cemetery

6:25 AM Breakfast in Chapin Hall

10:00 AM **ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!**

Easter Sunday Worship
in the Sanctuary