

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



January 13, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday after Epiphany

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Please join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time after worship. **The Welcome Table** in Chapin Hall offers information about the church and members who can answer your questions. **Hearing devices** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available down the hall in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your nametags. All announcements should be written down and given to the ushers or pastor prior to worship. **If you have a prayer request you would like read aloud for today's prayers**, please fill out one of the prayer cards found in the friendship registration pads (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

INTROIT

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

L: Come, all who are gathered to worship God:

All: Give our God glory and strength!

L: Let us sing to God the glory of God's name

All: Worship God in holy splendor!

L: The voice of our God is over the waters.

All: The God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

*HYMN

“I Am the Light of the World”

NC584

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold denotes unison response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of grace and majesty, we exalt you for your wisdom,
compassion, strength, and love.

We thank you for choosing to walk among your people
in all the circumstances of our lives.

We pray that we would always be aware of your presence among us.
Grant us ears to hear and eyes to see, through faith,
the Christ in all who call upon your name.

For every day of life, we give you thanks and praise.

In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray as he taught us to pray, saying,
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.

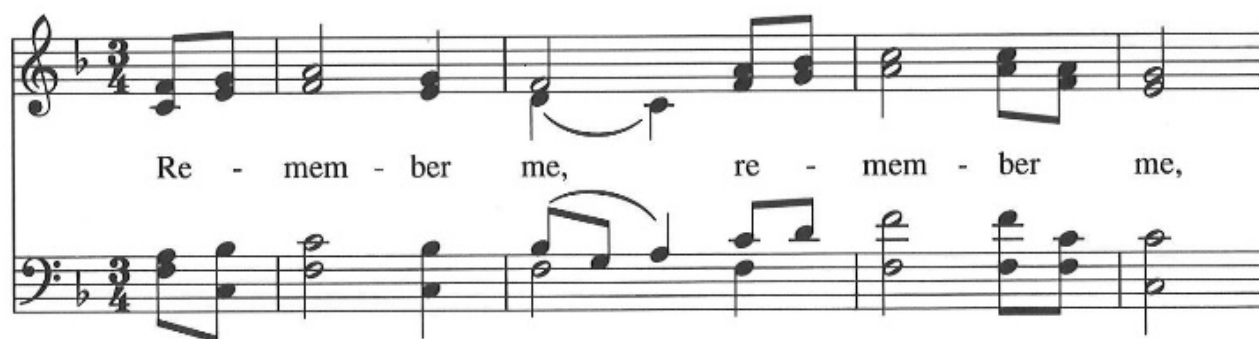
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

NC 773



MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

BAPTISM

Today we welcome into the family of Christ:

Liam Thomas Maynard

Parents: Jillian and Jared Maynard



See Baptism insert

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You”

by John Corrado

We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

ANTHEM

“This Is My Beloved Son”

Don McKeever

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-22

Pew Bible NT p60

SERMON

“What Are We to Become?”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Jesus Calls U, o’er the Tumult”

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OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

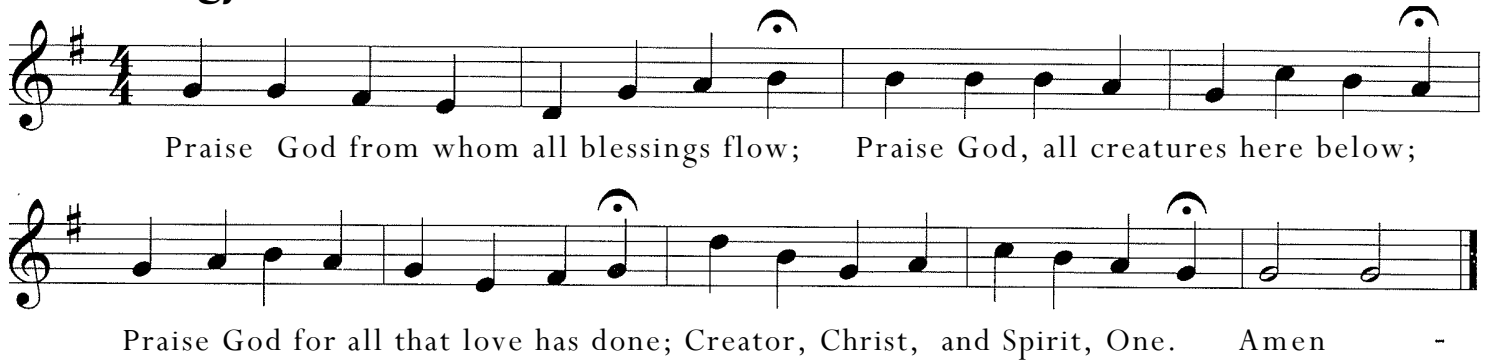
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory Anthem

“Deep River”

African-American Spiritual
setting by Adolphus Hailstork

*Doxology



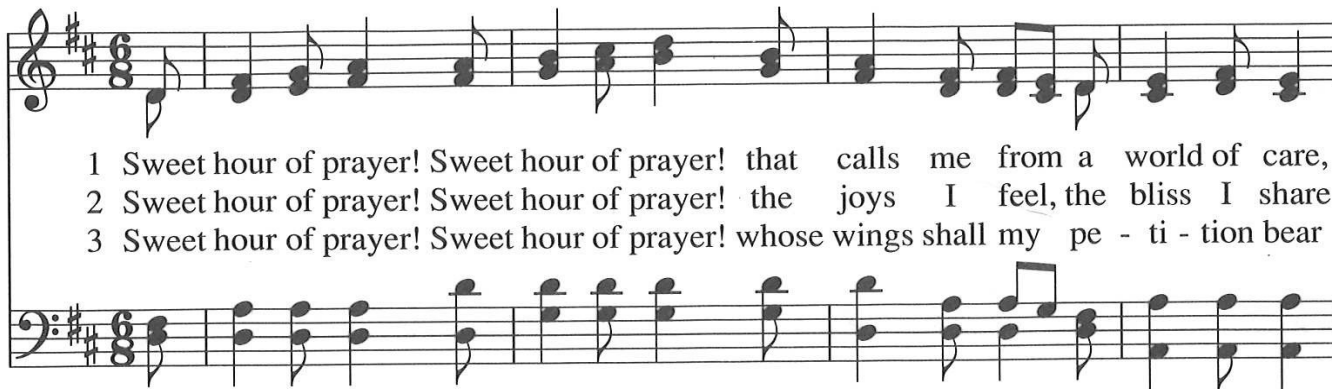
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen -

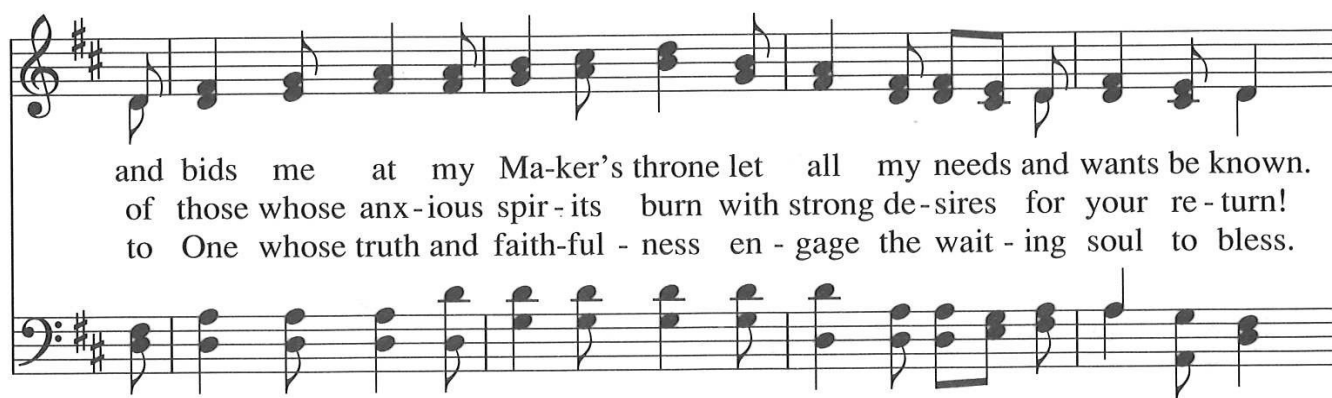
*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

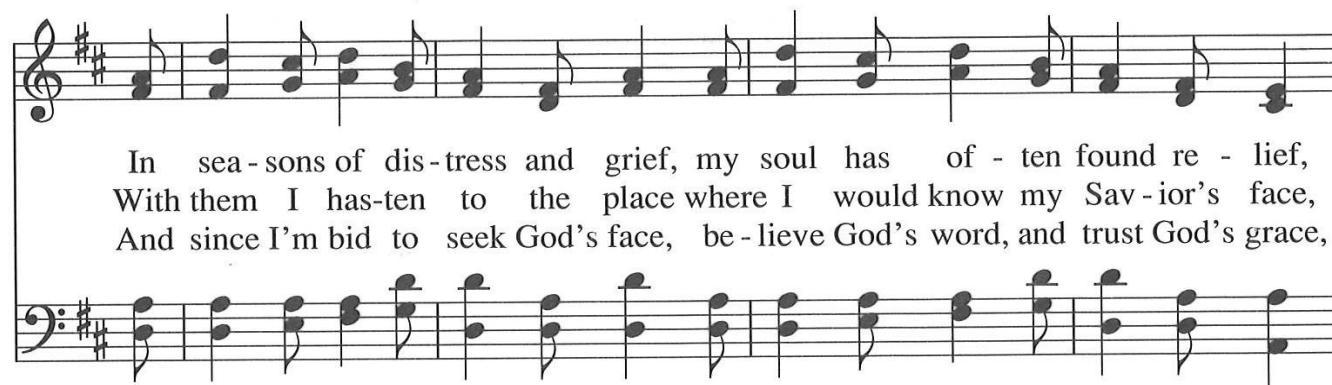
Joys & Concerns



1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

NC 498

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “How Lovely Shines The Morning Star” Johann Christoph Bach

LITURGIST

Bob Inderbitzen

USHERS

Bob Simmons, Bea Donahue and Dave & Bobbie Hawkins

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Ruth Jensen

*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of Brittanney Tine
by Gail and Natalie Tine*

*In
Loving
Memory*



ICON – For January

The Icon of the Month for January is from the Monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai in Egypt. Depicting Mary and the Christ Child, it dates from around the 8th century and is in rough condition after being used for over a thousand years. This is Pastor Craig’s reconstruction of the icon’s original appearance.



During the last few months we have had a Ministry Moment at the beginning of each worship service to highlight the different core ministries in our new governance structure. This year we will still have Ministry Moments but not every Sunday. If you would like to give a Ministry Moment to highlight a Ministry Team that you are a part of, please contact Pastor Craig to set up a date for you to do that.

From the financial secretary:

If you would like pledging envelopes, please let me know by calling the office, emailing me at deb.copes@gmail.com or calling me at 860-729-6541. Accounting and tax statements will be sent to you via email or USPS by the end of January. You will receive an end-of-year statement from me by January 31, 2019, If you pledged in 2018 or if you requested a tax statement from me in prior years. If you want a tax statement and have not requested one in the past, I'm happy to provide one to you. Just call or email me.

COMFORT FOOD DINNER Saturday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m.

All are invited to our Comfort Food Dinner! Sponsored by RHCC In-Reach Ministry. Menu: Tossed Salad & Rolls, Hot Vegetables, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, a variety of Desserts, and Coffee, Tea, Soda. Music by The Coffee Grinders! Frank Breen - Guitar Vocals and Jim Choquette - Vocals, Harp playing Acoustic Blues: Influenced by Delta Legends. Cost is \$10 for Adults; \$5 for 4 to 12 years; Free for Children under 4 years old; Family cap \$35.00. Please call to reserve tickets with Jeannie Alessi 860/839-1321. Tickets will be on sale during January Coffee Hours. Snow date: January 27, 2019. Free tickets are available for those who need them, thanks to an anonymous donation.



Guest Preacher Sunday, January 27

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee is the Philanthropy Officer for the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ in New York. In that capacity he raises funds to support the assistance and leadership programs of the Pension Boards' charitable arm, the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance. This work necessarily takes him across the country and denomination to call on Conference staff and local church pastors and lay leaders—and so he has perspective on the well-being and challenges of the United Church of Christ. On January 27 he will be preaching from 1 Corinthians:12, focusing on the health of the local church and reasons to hope for its future. There will be a Second Hour program after the service, led by Jonathan Lee, where he will continue the conversation that is the topic of his sermon: the UCC – past, present and future. Jonathan will also share the important work of the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance and the Pension Board. This second hour is certain to be informative and energetic!



Janet Evelyn Rowley, 87, of Rocky Hill and most recently of Cromwell, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at Pilgrim Manor in Cromwell. She was born in Hartford the daughter of the late Noble and Florence (Allen) Rowley. Janet started her career at Hartford Hospital after graduating from the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1952. She was a longtime member of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church and the Rocky Hill Garden Club. Janet enjoyed refinishing furniture, bird watching and had a passion for gardening. She was an avid Red Sox fan and loved spending Saturday afternoons listening to the opera on NPR. Janet leaves behind numerous cousins and their families and her beloved cat, Molly. A funeral service was held on Friday (January 11, 2019) at 1 PM in the Rose Hill Funeral Home 580 Elm St. Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make donations in Janet's memory to an animal rescue organization of the donor's choice.

SCRIP-SURE



***What is it?** Scrip-sure is a **fundraising program** for our church, which allows the regular shopping we do at a variety of retailers to generate income for the church. How? Participating retailers sell gift certificates or gift cards to our church at a discount. Church members buy the certificates for full face value and redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. Everybody wins! The retailers get our business, and our church gets a regular source of revenue that involves nothing other than what we would all be doing anyway – shopping/spending at grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants, gas stations, and many other businesses, including online retailers.*

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards typically available:

- Coffee: Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on January 20 (with delivery on Jan. 27). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and "Covenant-to-Care for Children" through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries (food pantry) or other retail stores (CC). For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries or clothing. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Stop by the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered. Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 13

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall

January 14

Women's AA

Monday

Fiorilli

January 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

7:00pm **Worship Ministry**
7:00pm Cedar Hollow

Tuesday

Parlor/Chapin
Fiorilli

January 16

7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Choir Room

January 17

9:30am Music Together
7:00pm **Council**
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 6
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

January 18

9:00am LSP/Music Together

Friday

Rm 6

January 19

10:00am ACA Group

Saturday

Fiorilli



13	Robert Speers
13	Louis DiRenzo
13	Jesse Smith
15	Mark Sheehan
16	Martin Sudell, Jr.
16	Kathryn Eichner
17	Kenneth Rousseau
18	Grace Cole
18	Daphne Donahue



COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17 – 7PM

RHCC Newsletter – It's that time again!

Submission deadline for the February issue of The Church Mouse is January 15.

We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org.

The mailing date will be Monday, January 28.

The Office will be closed on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Open and Affirming Statement

Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, and because love is a unifying and strengthening force within our Christian Faith,

We, the members of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.

We welcome all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children into God's covenantal community. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us.

Approved by congregational vote June 2009

Ministry Team

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