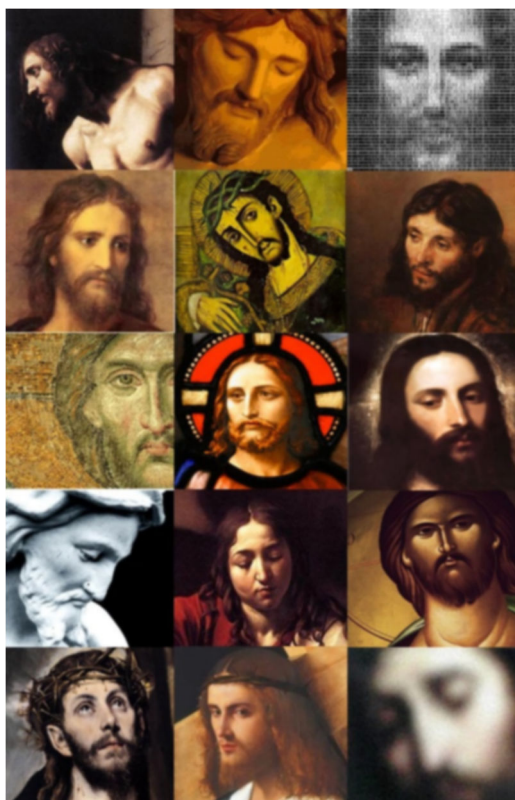


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**January 14, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**All: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

L: Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot understand it.**

L: Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

All: Come and be with us now, our God, and always.

*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

PH(red)418

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold denotes unison response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, you have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember who we are. You will not let us hide under a tree. You summon us from the shade to be changed. You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak them aloud. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most and renew our hearts today. Help us to see Jesus in everyone whom we encounter, that we might serve them.

We ask this in Jesus' name, who 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 743

D Asus4 A D
And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
Em A7 D D7
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
G A Bm F#m Em A7 D
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: "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

“Dream a Dream”

Ed Robertson

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

NT pew bible p.92

SERMON

“Come and See”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

NC (black) 502

OFFERING OF GIFTS

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

Invitation to the Offering

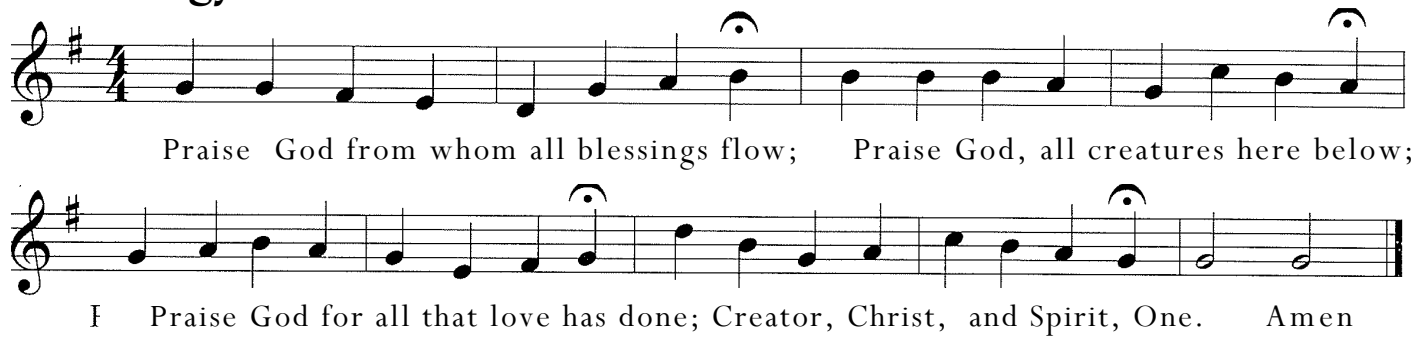
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory

“Andante”

Flor Peeters

*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

Sung Call to Prayer



Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,
make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,
you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty.

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

NC (black) 172

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

USHERS

Nancy Parsons, Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow & Ruth Jensen



ST. SIMEON

The Icon of the Month for January is a copy of a Greek Orthodox icon painted in Crete during the 1500's. It depicts St. Simeon holding the baby Jesus. Simeon is mentioned in Luke 2:25-35 when Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised. Simeon believed that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

Please remember our Minister of Music, Mary DeLibero in your prayers. Her brother, Robert A. Smellie, died last week. A memorial service will be held here at our church on Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.



GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Copies of the final version of the proposed **Constitution** are now available for pickup in the narthex, in the hallway across from the office, and in Chapin Hall. A related "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document is also available. Look for additional info, displays, and perhaps a second-hour session during the next several months, in preparation for voting on this new Constitution at the Budget and Elections Meeting on March 18. If you would prefer to receive digital versions of the two documents (in pdf format), please send an email request to treasurer@rhccucc.org.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Friends, we would like to take a moment to remind you all that there are three members of the Church Council that serve as representatives "At Large". This means that we do not represent a specific Board, Committee, or project but rather the Congregation as a whole. This role puts us in a unique position as the new Constitution is being discussed and implemented. We can assist by hearing your comments and question, in order to build a greater understanding of the activities. Obviously, specific Boards and Committees would also be a source of information, but one of our goals would be to enhance the communication process.

At this time your "At Large" representatives to the Council are:

Bill Collins, Don Pagnucco, Steve Ware



Flower Calendar

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

DEDICATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR LIGHT THE TOWER

Dedicating altar flowers or the church tower in memory of a loved one is a nice way to mark a special date or memory. Sign up on the flower calendar or the tower schedule, both in Chapin Hall, during coffee hour after worship. Another way to sign up is to contact the church office via:email office@rhccucc.org or call: 860-529-4167.



**All are invited to
InReach's
COMFORT FOOD
DINNER Saturday,
January 27, 2018, in**



Menu: Tossed Salad & Rolls, Hot Vegetables, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, a variety of Desserts, and Coffee, Tea, Soda.

Then get set to be drawn into the soul and spirit of the delta blues by the acoustic blues-men of THE COFFEE GRINDERS! They pepper their show with some delta blues history and trivia, too!

Cost is \$10.00 – Adults; \$5.00 – 4 to 12 years; Free – 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 28, 2018.

Looking for something you left behind?
Check the Lost & Found Boxes in
Chapin Hall and near the back entrance.



Do you love knitting or do you want to learn? The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Denise Carberry with questions.



RHCC Newsletter

Submission deadline for the February issue of The Church Mouse will be Tuesday, January 16. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org. The mailing date will be Monday, January 29.



WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.





From The Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister, Connecticut Conference

Friends,

As we continue to explore the new Together, As One Conference, we invite you to share your voice to help us envision how together, we are called to live the love and justice of Jesus. Please prayerfully consider attending one of the several group discussions that are planned between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23 at the various UCC Church locations listed below. Join us to share your perspective. These groups will be facilitated by Jim Schnurbusch, of the St. Louis firm OrgStory, who has been engaged as a consultant for this process. We would ask you to please RSVP online at: ctucc.org. so that if there is inclement weather forecast and we need to move the gathering online, we will be in touch with information on how you can participate.

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Rocky Hill Congregational Church
805 Old Main St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-1553

We look forward to your participation.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Minister & President, Massachusetts Conference

The Rev. Barbara Libby, Interim Conference Minister, Rhode Island Conference

The Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister, Connecticut Conference

Ordination of Lisa Eleck – Sunday January 28, 3:00 p.m.

The Rocky Hill Congregational Church, and
the Committee on Church and Ministry (COCAM)
of the Hartford Association of the Connecticut Conference UCC
cordially invite you to the

Ordination of Lisa Eleck

on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3 PM at

Rocky Hill Congregational Church: 805 Old Main St, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

A reception will follow the service.

Clergy are encouraged to wear robes or red stoles.

Clergy wishing to process will gather at 2:45 pm.



Please make every effort to attend and represent your congregation at this important event.

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
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Marketplace, Whole Foods
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Restaurants: Bertucci's, Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Denny's, Olive Garden, On the Border, 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

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on January 28.

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 14

10:00am **Worship**
10:00am **Childcare**
10:15am **Church School**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**
4:00pm **Tamil School**
5:30pm **MS Youth**
5:00pm **Confirmation Class**

January 15

Office Closed Martin Luther King Day

3:30pm **Tamil School (parents)**
7:00pm **Bonsai Group**
7:00pm **Women's AA**

January 16

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:30pm **Tamil School (parents)**
7:00pm **Council**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

January 17

6:00pm **LSP Board**
6:30pm **Tamil School (parents)**
7:30pm **Choir**

January 18

9:30am **Music Together**
7:00pm **Tibetan Bowls**
7:00pm **Events Committee**
7:30pm **Men's AA**

January 19

9:00am **Music Together/LSP**
6:00pm **Tamil School**
Noon **Set up**

January 20

11:00am **Memorial Service**
Noon **Memorial Reception**
2:00pm **CT UCC Focus Groups**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 23,24,25,27
Chapin Hall
Rms 23,25
Chapin Hall
Parlor

Monday

Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall
Fiorilli

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli
Room 22

Wednesday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Thursday

Rm 22
Chapel
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Friday

Rm 6
Rms 22,23,24,25,27
Chapin Hall

Saturday

Sanctuary
Chapin Hall
Fiorilli/Parlor



15	Mark Sheehan
16	Martin Sudell, Jr.
16	Kathryn Eichner
17	Kenneth Rousseau
18	Grace Cole
18	Daphne Donahue
20	Lois Stevens
20	Nancy Flynn



*Sound Healing Meditation
with Tibetan Singing
Bowls
Thursday, January 18,
7pm
Conducted by Rev. Craig
Cowing, in the Weil
Chapel*



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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

Ministers: All the members of the church

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Theresa E. Cleary office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

Child Care Provider: Liz Pulling