

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*

**BE THE CHURCH** God is still speaking,  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

*Protect the environment.* Care for the poor.  
Embrace diversity. **Reject racism.** Forgive often.  
Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**  
*Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life.*

January 15, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*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.*

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## 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.*

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Bower

Leader: Our God has made us to be one body with many members.

**All: United and uniting. This is our calling.**

Leader: God calls us to share our diverse gifts  
activated by the one and same Spirit .

**All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.**

Leader: God longs for us to be united in love  
and to manifest the Spirit in our different ways.

**All: United and uniting. This is our worship.**

Leader: Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship  
to our Holy God, who challenges us  
and calls us to

**All: *create the Beloved Community.***

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

O God, you love all people,  
across races, nationalities, religions, sexual orientations  
and all the ways we are distinctive from one another.  
We are all manifestations of your image.  
We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality  
and tied to a single garment of destiny.  
You call us into your unending work of justice, peace and love.  
Let us know your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity  
that offers glimpses of the mosaic of your beauty.  
Strengthen us with your steadfast love and  
transform our despairing fatigue into hope-filled action.  
Under the shadow of your wings in this hour  
may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.  
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

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It also features a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics written below the treble staff.

## 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 treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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”  
The Choir

Ed Robertson

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

NT Pew Bible p165

### SERMON

“Be the Church”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

“We Shall Overcome”

NC (black) 570

### 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

“Be”

Don McKeever

Victoria Bower and Michael Bower

## \*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 “Behold Us, Lord, a Little Space” (verse 1) PH 395



1 Be - hold us, Lord, a lit - tle space From dai - ly tasks set free,  
2 A - round us rolls the cease - less tide Of busi - ness, toil, and care,  
3 Yet these are not the on - ly walls Where - in thou mayst be sought;  
4 Thine are the loom, the forge, the mart, The wealth of land and sea,



And met with - in thy ho - ly place To rest a - while with thee.  
And scarce - ly can we turn a - side For one brief hour of prayer.  
On home - liest work thy bless - ing falls, In truth and pa - tience wrought.  
The worlds of sci - ence and of art, Re - vealed and ruled by thee. A - men.



#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

**\*HYMN**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

NC (black) 593

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Victoria Bower

**USHERS**

Bea Donahue & Bob Simmons, and Lois & Jim Stevens

**HOSPITALITY**

Sue VanNess



LOOKING AHEAD

*January 22 Worship*

Childcare/Church school

[All-church Luncheon “What are our Ministries?”](#)

High School Youth Group - Interfaith hangout

*January 29 Worship*

Childcare/Church School


Middle School Youth Group - Racial Justice

Confirmation class meeting



*The icon for the season of Christmas and epiphany is from the monastery of St. Catherine at MT. Sinai. It depicts Mary and the baby Jesus. Painted around 550, it is one of the oldest icons in the Christian world. Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel.*

# CHURCH COUNCIL



All members of RHCC:

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

Calling all adults, youth and children  
The Council invites EVERYONE to a special  
"What are our Ministries?" luncheon on  
Sunday, January 22, 2017, immediately following worship.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event in the life of our church. During this fun and fast paced lunch session, we'll explore who we are NOW as a church and who we want to be. We'll also discuss how a revised governance structure (how we are organized) may help us become the church we want to be.

*Your participation is important! Please join us.*

Please RSVP using the sign-up sheets in Chapin Hall, or contact the church office at [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or 860-529-4167. We will also be issuing personal invitations in the coming weeks. Please share any dietary needs.





The Deacons are looking for folks who would be willing to serve as ushers at funerals and/or memorial services for our departed church family and friends. If you have the availability and are willing to fill in for the Deacons when needed, can you please let

the office know at (860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)) or Deb Copes (860-729-6541 or [deb.copes@gmail.com](mailto:deb.copes@gmail.com)) Thank you in advance!

### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The November campaign for 2017 pledges has received 79 pledges for a total of \$205,134 pledged so far. There are 20 “pledge units” (individuals or families) who have not yet pledged, but usually do. We anticipate that pledge amount to be about \$34,600 for total 2017 pledges of \$239,734. This is \$4,685 (or 1.9%) less than 2016. A lot of the difference is due to people who have passed on or moved away. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please do so soon. *Thank you* all for your prayerful consideration of your offering to God’s work through our church.

*Our Events Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm in the Fiorilli Room. All are welcome to attend.*

### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167)



### DIAPER DRIVE



Thanks for contributing to our drive, **we are still accepting donations!** You may bring them to church on Sunday or during the week during office hours.



RHCC Newsletter

Submission deadline for the February issue of The Church Mouse will be Monday, January 16.

We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). The mailing date will be Tuesday, January 31.



*All Are Invited to InReach's  
COMFORT FOOD DINNER*

*Saturday, January 28, 5:30 pm*

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

*Entertainment – Magic of Michael Michaels*

*“Magic for all occasions”*

\$10.00 – Adults; \$5.00 – 4 to 12 years;  
Free – Children under 4 years old. Family cap \$35.00

*Please reserve tickets: Jeannie Alessi 860/839-1321*

*Tickets on sale during January Coffee Hours*

*Snow date: January 29, 2017*



[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.



WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE Audio recordings and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org) (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD.

We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about

Worship and Events! [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)



**New Directories coming soon!**

Please notify the office of any address, phone, or email changes so we can keep our records updated. New Directories will be available in January.

# 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, Toys R Us, Walmart

The next ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory will be on Sunday, January 29.

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 15

- 10:00am **Worship**
- 9:30am **Childcare**
- 10:00am **Church School**
- 11:30am **MS Youth Skating**
- 4:00pm **Tamil School**
- 5:00PM **Confirmation Class**

### January 16

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

*LSP Closed Martin Luther King Day*

- 7:00pm **Women's AA**
- 7:30pm **Bonsai Group**
- 7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### January 17

- 7:00pm **LSP Board**
- 7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

### January 18

- 6:00pm **Pilates**
- 7:30pm **Choir**

### January 19

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

### January 20

- 7:00pm **Tibetan Bowls**

### Sunday

- Sanctuary
- Room 4
- Rms 24,25,26
  
- Rms 22,23,25,26,27
- Parlor

### Monday

- Chapin Hall
- Fiorilli
- Sanctuary

### Tuesday

- Fiorilli
- Room 23

### Wednesday

- Chapin Hall
- Sanctuary

### Thursday

- Room 22
- Fiorilli
- Chapin Hall

### Friday

- Weil Chapel



18	Grace Cole
18	Daphne Donahue
19	Anne King
20	Lois Stevens
20	Nancy Flynn
21	William Cordes
21	Matt Fulda
21	Quincy McNeil

*Sound Healing Meditation  
with Tibetan Singing Bowls*  
*The healing vibrations of the  
singing bowls can uplift the  
spirit, relax the body and quiet  
the mind.*

*Come and see what it can do for  
you, and bring a friend! Free will  
food offerings support the Rocky  
Hill Food Pantry.*



Today, in the year which marks the fortieth anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., society's work toward full integration continues; within communities of color the cry out for equity or a level playing field across the board still remains a constant challenge. The church's work toward the Beloved Community continues as well. The work for this whole-hearted integration in both society and church includes today not only people excluded by race, but also those excluded by gender, disabilities, and sexual orientation. -United Church of Christ

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Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

## 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](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie [ghuie@rhccucc.org](mailto:ghuie@rhccucc.org)

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