

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



January 20, 2019 ~ 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.*

PRELUDE

“Siciliano”

J.S. Bach

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Grandell

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

All: United and uniting. This is our calling.

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

All: United and uniting. This is our redemption.

L: 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.
Let us gather in this hour to offer praise and worship
to our Holy God, who challenges us
and calls us to create the Beloved Community.

*HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

NCH 1

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold denotes unison response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

O God, all people are your Beloved,
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.

Inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr.,
we enter into your unending work of justice, peace and love.

Let us know your presence among us now.

Under the shadow of your wings in this hour
may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, 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 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

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

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 “Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring” J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11 Pew Bible NT p93

SERMON “An Abundant God” Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN** “Amazing Grace” NCH 547

OFFERING OF GIFTS

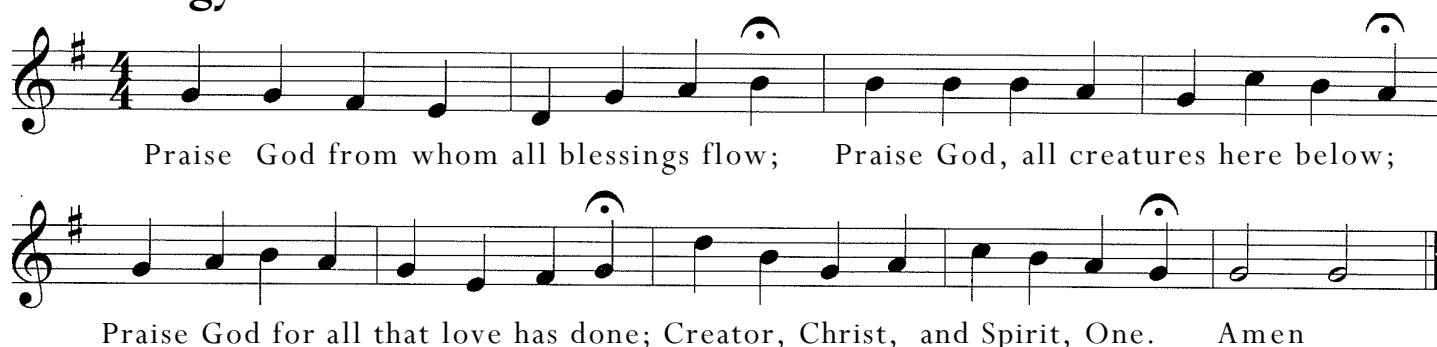
Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.

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

***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**

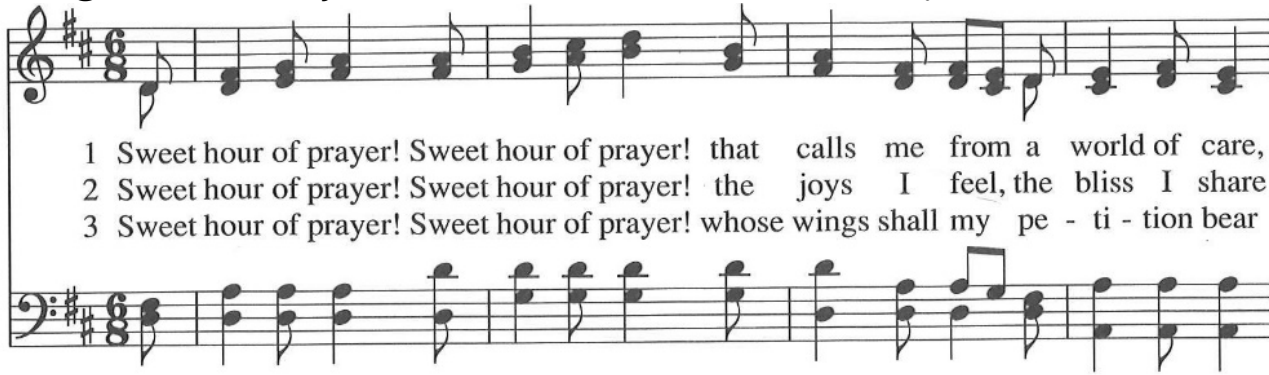
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

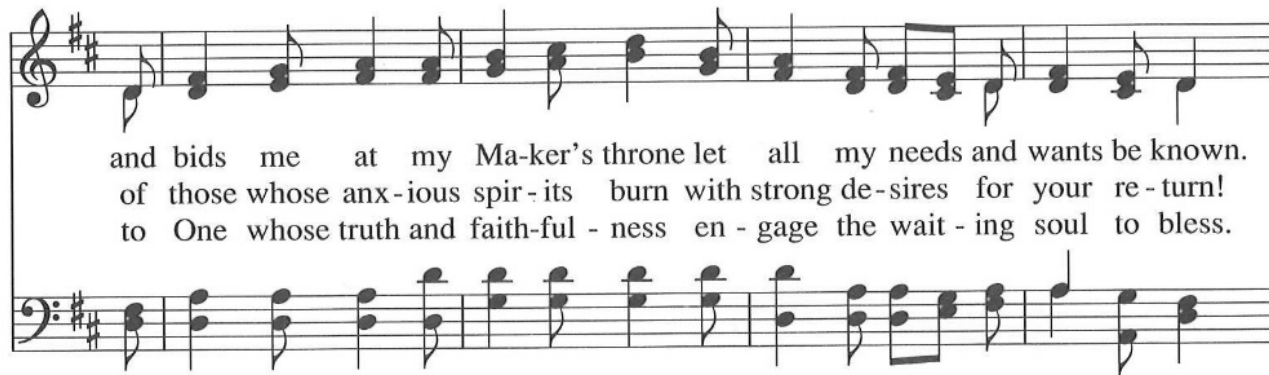
Sung Call to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

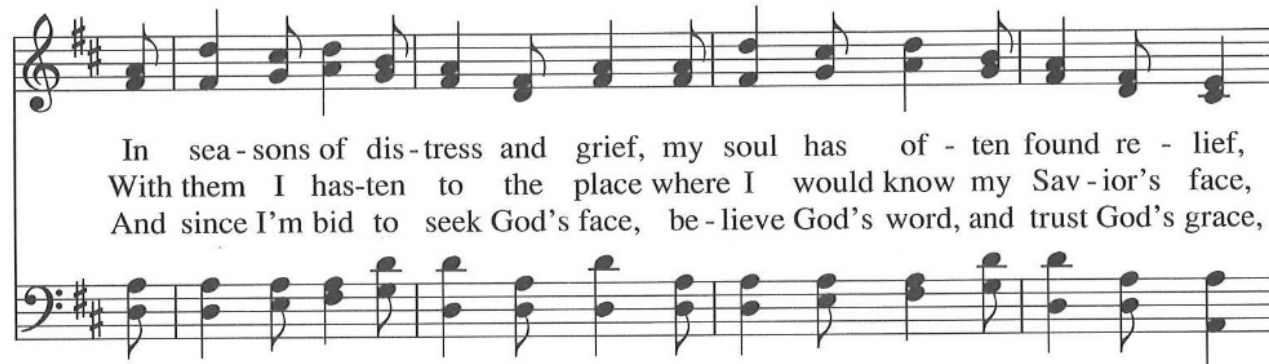
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



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**

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

N 459

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Rob Grandell

USHERS

Wendy Ware and Michael Andonucci

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow and Sue VanNess

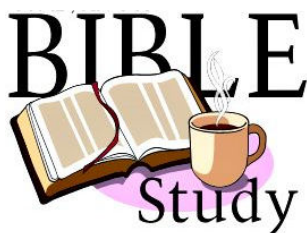
*The Tower is lit this week in honor of **Charlotte Bacon** by Ed and Holli Bacon*

*In
Loving
Memory*

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.

This year's **Christmas offering** totaled \$1537. The offering was designated for the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. This Fund, administered through the charitable arm of the UCC Pension Boards, provides supplemental assistance to retired clergy and other lay employees who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

Weekly Bible Readings



Ecumenical Sunday

- 20 Luke 8:40-56
- 21 Luke 9:1-17
- 22 Luke 9:18-27
- 23 Luke 9:28-45
- 24 Luke 9:46-62
- 25 Luke 10:1-24
- 26 Luke 19:1-10



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. 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!

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.



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. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make donations in Janet's memory to an animal rescue organization of the donor's choice.

John Davidson Coghill, 77, of Windsor, beloved husband of Joanne (Ekwurtzel) Coghill for 54 years, passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019. John always wore a smile and showed genuine interest in everyone he met. His gifts for teaching and music endeared him to hundreds of people he touched during his career. John was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his loving family. He served as Chairman of the Board for CONCORA for 12 years; administrative director 5 years and current board member and singer for the Greater Middletown Chorale; as well as Treasurer of the Greater Hartford Chapter American Guild of Organists. Contributions may be made to either the First Church in Windsor, the Pipe Organ Enhancement Fund at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002 or the Greater Middletown Chorale, PO Box 527, Middletown, CT 06457.

All are invited to our
COMFORT FOOD DINNER

Featuring live music by The Coffee Grinders

Saturday, January 26, 5:30 pm
in Chapin Hall.



Come in from the cold to enjoy a warm winter evening with good food & live music! Get ready to be drawn into the soul and spirit of the delta blues by the acoustic duo The Coffee Grinders: Frank Breen – Guitar, Vocals and Jim Choquette - Vocals, Harp.

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

Tickets: \$10.00 (\$5 for kids, under 4yrs free)

Please call to reserve tickets with Jeannie Alessi 860/839-1321.
Tickets on sale during Coffee Hour. Tickets also available at the door. Snow date: January 27, 2019.



Free tickets are available for those who need them, thanks to an anonymous donation.



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, Target, Total Wine, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

Today (January 20) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, January 27. After today, the next order will be placed on February 24 (with delivery on March 3). 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 20

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 21

OFFICE CLOSED MLK DAY

7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm Bell Choir

Monday

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Sanctuary

January 22

Tuesday

January 23

5:00pm LSP Open House
7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Preschool
Choir Room

January 24

9:30am Music Together
10:30am Retired Clergy
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 6
Parlor
Chapin Hall

January 25

9:00am LSP/Music Together
Comfort Food Dinner set up

Friday

Rm 6
Chapin Hall

January 26

5:30pm Comfort Food Dinner! Chapin Hall

Saturday

20	Nancy Flynn
21	William Cordes
21	Matt Fulda
21	Quincy McNeil
23	Nancy Newton
24	Candy Smith
25	John Engel II
26	Spencer Rupaka



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Guest Preacher and Second Hour with Jonathan Lee —
“The health of the church and hope for its future.”*

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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

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