

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



January 21, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.

We have no words for what we experience so we cry out to you.

In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of your presence around us grow more intense.

May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to you,

For we know that you love us at all times and in all places.

God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer

be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you.

We pray 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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a D chord and contains the lyrics "And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,". The second staff starts with an Em chord and contains the lyrics "bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the". The third staff begins with a G chord and contains the lyrics "sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand." Chords are indicated above the notes: D, Asus4, A, D, Em, A7, D, D7, G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, D.

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
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 repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. 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

“Steal Away”
The Choir

arr. Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible p.35

SERMON

“What are You Called to Do?”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

NC (black) 173

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

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Dave Hall

*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**

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

NC (black) 504

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Grand March” (Aida)

G. Verdi

GUEST ORGANIST

Carol Grazette

LITURGIST

Randy Pulling

USHERS

Deb Copes and Steve Smith, Mark and Chris Sheehan, Dave Sageman

HOSPITALITY

Sue VanNess and Jen Martin

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

The communion table in the sanctuary, given by the Bacon family, was dedicated in memory of Edward C. Bacon, Jr. on May 1, 2005. Today, January 21, 2018, the communion table is also dedicated in memory of Charlotte J. Bacon. They were both extremely grateful for the ministry of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church.

Today's Altar flowers and this week's Tower is lit by the Bacon family
in Loving Memory of Charlotte J. Bacon.

Dear Friends:

We are saddened to learn of the death of Lily Hill this morning at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. Lily had suffered from declining health this past year. She had requested that there be no memorial service. We offer our condolences to her friends and family.

Rev. Craig L. Cowing



With Deepest Sympathy

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.



Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing in church? If so, the Board of Deacons will be asking you to name your favorite hymn so we can include it in one of our Sunday services. Soon we will be including in the bulletin and newsletters a form that you can fill out to let us know what your favorite hymn is. Just drop the form off in the collection plate or the church office. We do want to match the hymn you choose with the appropriate liturgical season, so do not be disappointed if you do not see your hymn listed in the Sunday bulletin right away.

For the remainder of January, Craig has his icon of *Martin Luther King, Jr.* on display in the Weil Chapel for contemplation.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

-MLK, Jr., Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, 1964



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.

February 13
Shrove Tuesday Worship and Supper
5:30 p.m.

Shrove
Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will be celebrated by Inreach and Faith Formation. On February 28^h at 5:30pm. Please join us for pancakes, activities and music; and then we will turn our hearts and minds to the reflective time of Lent, as celebrated with a service of prayer and ashes. Sign up sheets will be posted in Chapin Hall.

A Journey  through Lent

**YOUTH
GROUP Super Sub Fundraiser**

Super Bowl Sunday is coming and that means we'll have Our Super Sub Fundraiser. The Youth will be selling Sub Sandwiches after worship on Sunday, February 4th. Save the date!



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 21

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**

January 22

6:00pm **LSP Board**
7:00pm **Women's AA**
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

January 23

6:00pm **Ct Citizen Action**
7:00pm **Cedar Hollow**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

January 24

5:00pm **LSP Conferences**
7:30pm **Choir**

January 25

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

January 26

4:00pm **Set up for Dinner**
6:00pm **Tamil School**

January 27

5:30pm **Comfort Food Dinner**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26,27

Monday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli
Room 23

Wednesday

Fiorilli
Sanctuary

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

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

Saturday

Chapin Hall



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| 23 | Nancy Newton |
| 24 | Candy Smith |
| 26 | Spencer Rupaka |
| 27 | Judy Graham |
| 27 | Emma Vann |
| 28 | Laura Pandolfo |

DON'T MISS OUR
COMFORT FOOD
DINNER
SATURDAY JANUARY 27
5:30 P.M.



New Directories available now



New Church Directories will be available in Chapin Hall after worship or in the office during weekday office hours. Contact the office if you would like one mailed to you, and specify whether you want large print or legal size.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Visit us on Facebook at: 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

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