

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community

January 26, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany



...I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men other-centered can build up.

I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land...

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, Oslo, Norway, 1964

WELCOME! We extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Nursery care is offered during worship downstairs in Room 4. Hearing devices are available for worship; an usher will be glad to assist you when you ask.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in Chapin Hall, which is located downstairs. The Welcome Table in Chapin Hall offers information about the church; someone will be glad to answer your questions!

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

Quote for Reflection:

What can we learn from Jesus' life about how we might address the systems of inequity and oppression in our own cultures? One lesson seems to me that we have to "start local." Jesus doesn't begin in Jerusalem or head off to Rome to take on empire. Rather he starts in his own hometown, among his own people, helping those who are hurting and naming those who are responsible without a hint of self-righteousness.

- Adapted from Richard Rohr, What Do We Do with Evil?

PRELUDE

Here's One Spiritual arr. Mark Hayes
(*talk about a child who do love Jesus*)

WELCOME

INTROIT

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jarod Taylor

One I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

People I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons and daughters of former slaves and the sons and daughters of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

One I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

People I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

All We still believe in this dream today!

*OPENING HYMN

Come, We Who Love God's Name (v 1,2,4,5)

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**please rise in body or in spirit , Bold denotes unison response*

INVOCATION and the Lord's Prayer *(together)*

O God, in our worship this morning, we remember a Christian man, who was called to take the priorities of God's love and justice out on the road of life with him, wherever he went. May we be challenged by Dr. King as one who walked the walk following the example of Jesus Christ. May we be open to learning more from our still-speaking God about what it means to be called a disciple. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who calls 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**

He Came Down

Cameroon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you with a handshake, an embrace, or a greeting comfortable to you.

A Message for All Ages

(Children are invited to depart for Church School)

“We Will Keep a Place For You” by John Corrado



Scripture Reading

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel John 1:43-51

Anthem

Steal Away
The Choir

Spiritual arr. D. McKeever

SERMON

“Called by Name”

Rev. Nada Sellers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “I Have a Dream”)

“This is our hope. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. “

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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OFFERING OF GIFTS

*After the ushers receive the offering, they will collect blue prayer request cards.
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.*

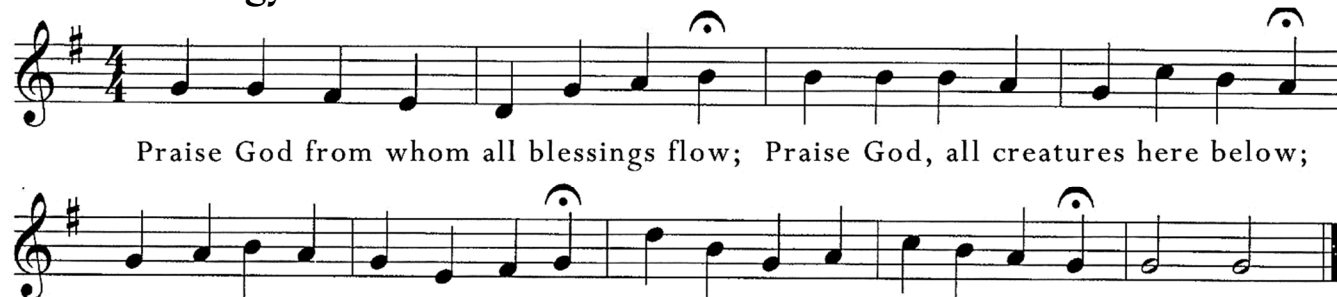
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. John Turner

*The 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Sung Response

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

John Bell



Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace.

Come, O Lord, and set us free; Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

PRAYER LIST

JOYS: For all the members & friends of the church!



Prayers for the ongoing work of our Regional Minister, the Rev. Tamara Moreland, and of our partner churches throughout Connecticut, and the ongoing work of the wider UCC church, especially the work of Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, Rev. James Moos, Executive Minister, Co-executive of Global Ministries.

Serving our country in the military: God bless all men and women serving our country at home and overseas - and remembering those who have died.



We'd like to stay in touch with you! Here's how...

Please include your full address, phone number and email as you sign our friendship registration pads. 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. If you have announcements, please write them down and give them to the ushers or pastor prior to worship.

***HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude



The Tower is lit this week and next in loving memory of
Brittanny Tine by Gail and Natalie Tine

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THANKS to our worship participants today:

Ministers	You, the people of God
Pastor	Rev. Nada Sellers
Liturgist	Jarod Taylor
Ushers	Sue Chatfield, Deb Copes, Steve Smith
Greeter	Joan Tennyson
Hospitality	InReach
Childcare	Jennifer Madley, Kaedryn Pulling
Building Open/Close	Steve Smith

Pastor Nada's Office Hours:

Monday 9:30am – 3:30pm

Tuesday 10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday 3:00pm – 5:00pm

And by appointment; please feel free to contact me if you'd like to find a different time that works better for you. Thank you!

Join us for coffee following the service, downstairs in Chapin Hall. Congregational Care/Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with a more simplified coffee hour. See Stephanie to sign up, or check the signup sheet on the board under Congregational Care. Thanks to all who are currently helping with the coffee hours!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Your Loved Ones with Flowers or 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.

USHERS NEEDED - Please sign up on the new portal, or contact the office.

A new sign-up portal for Liturgists, Ushers and Sunday building opening, can be found on our website: <https://www.rockyhillucc.org/>

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
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

Today (Jan 26) 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, Feb. 2. After today, the next order will be placed on February 23. 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.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

January 26

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

January 27

7:00pm Women's AA

January 28

9:30am **Newsletter Mailing**

January 29

7:30pm Choir

January 30

7:30pm Men's AA

January 31

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall

Monday

Fiorilli

Tuesday

Fiorilli

Wednesday

Choir Room

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday



Birthdays
This
Week!

9	Heather Collins
20	Nancy Flynn
21	William Cordes
21	Matt Fulda
21	Quincy McNeil
23	Nancy Newton
27	Judy Graham
27	Emma Vann
28	Laura Pandolfo
29	Toryn Pulling
31	Laurel Cole

WEATHER CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

If worship is canceled, a notice
will be posted Saturday
evening/early Sunday morning
on the following media outlets:

Channel 3 WFSB-TV
Facebook.com/rhccucc
RockyHillUCC.org

Save The Dates!

February 23 – Dixieland Sunday

February 25 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm
(There will be games!)

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm
(Ashes 'to go' during daytime)

February 15 – Movie Night

March 22 – Budget & Elections Meeting

