

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



January 29, 2017~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourth 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

INTROIT

“Come, Follow, Follow”
The Choir

John Hilton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: When we love God by serving others,

People: we fulfill the greatest of the commandments.

Leader: When we share bread with the hungry poor,

People: then light shall break forth like the morning.

Leader: When we bring in those who are cast out,

People: then righteousness shall go before us.

Leader: When we are foolish to believe that love can save the perishing,

People: then the message of the cross is being lived and proclaimed.

Leader: When we stand on our heads to understand the wisdom of God,

People: then the poor are raised up, the low ones lifted high.

Leader: When we extend mercy,

People: then we receive mercy.

Leader: So, let the one who boasts,

People: boast in the Lord!

Leader: For God is the source of your life, in Christ Jesus.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

God, you heal, and you ask us to heal in your name:

In Christ, you showed us a more excellent way,

asking us to follow in the way of justice, kindness and humility.

We believe the realm of heaven belongs to all who work your will.

Shape us in the image of Christ, the optimist, the healer, the risk-taker,
who preached possibility, who lived compassion, who taught mercy.

Make pure our hearts, that we might serve others and, thus, see God.

Teach us again what is truly pure and noble in your sight.

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 is for a two-part setting. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staves.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the two-part setting. It ends with a double bar line. The melody and bass line are consistent with the first line.

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



ANTHEM

"I Will Arise"

Parker/Shaw

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

NT Pew Bible p4

SERMON

"Blessed Are You"

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

"We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

NC (black)179

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to collect your prayer 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 Solo

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Richard Nichols

Gail Hall, clarinet

*Doxology



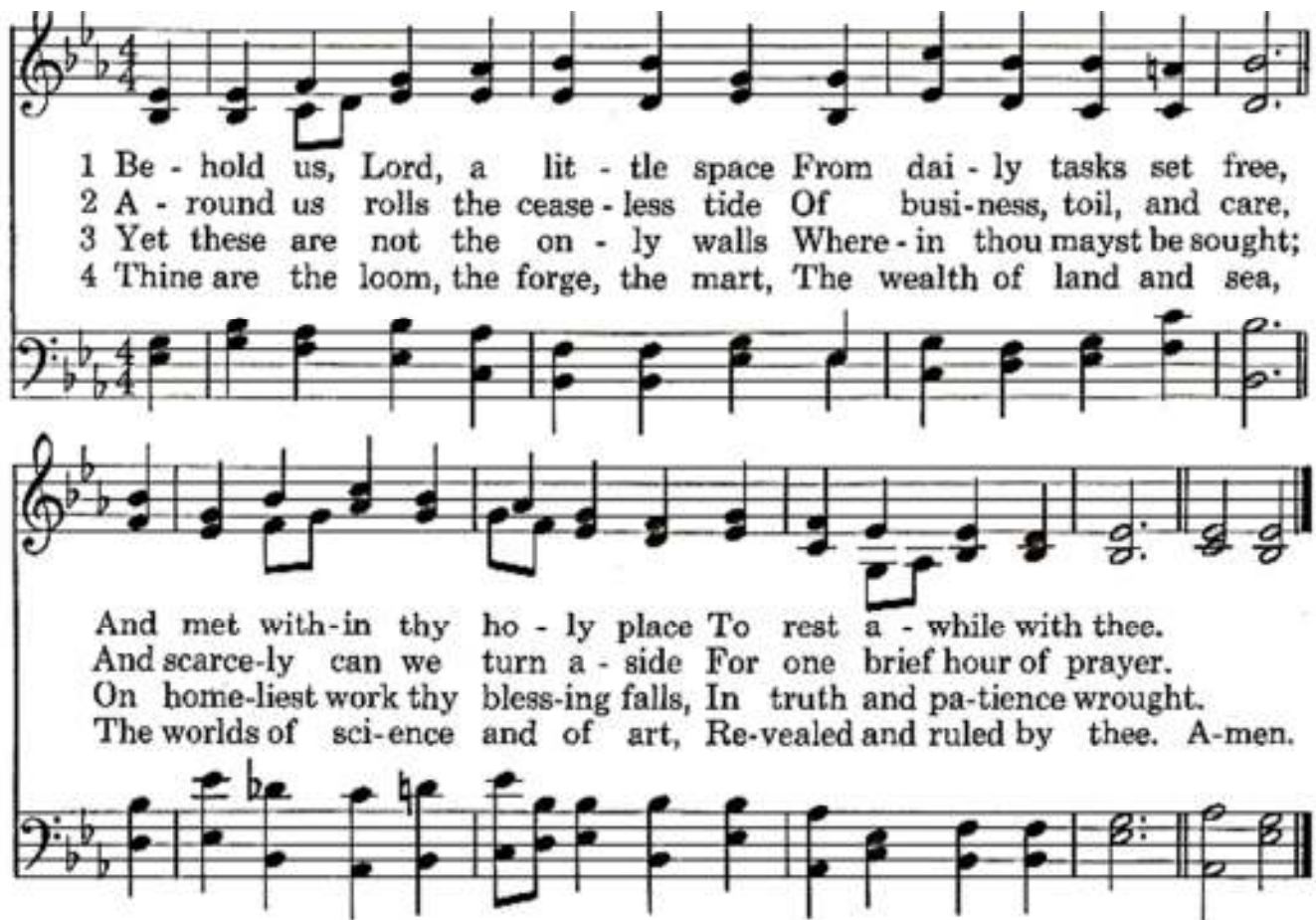
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*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 Prayer

***HYMN**

“Be Now My Vision”

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BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

USHERS

Lois & Jim Stevens, Bobbie and Dave Hawkins

HOSPITALITY

InReach Committee



TODAY

Middle School Youth Group - Racial Justice
Confirmation class meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

February 5 Worship

Communion Sunday

Childcare/Church School

High School Youth Group – Dinner

Super Bowl Sub pickup

WELCOME VISITORS!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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.

CHURCH MOUSE MAILERS: *We will meet Tuesday January 31 at 9:30am in the Fiorilli room to prep and mail the February newsletter. All are welcome!*



Sunday, January 29 at 7:00p.m.

“An Interreligious Call – To Love Thy Neighbor and Act for All Americans.”

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Farmington Ave.

The Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU) and Archbishop Leonard Blair, Archdiocese of Hartford, warmly invite the wider community to a gathering of love and understanding. The evening will include readings and music from sacred texts, and other expressions of the principle of love for one's neighbor, from the breadth and diversity of religious traditions actively present in our local community. This event is held in response to the hate and bigotry, Islamophobia and racism, and sexism that have been spoken aloud and acted out in recent months in this country – and that still continue.

CCIU – “When we understand each other more.....we hurt each other less.

Offering Envelopes



From the Financial Secretary:

If you would like pledge envelopes, please let me know.

I can be reached by email at deb.copes@gmail.com, by phone at 860-729-6541 or on Sunday morning either before or after service. Thanks! -Deb Copes

Our thanks go to Experimac at 2162 Silas Deane Highway in Rocky Hill. They donated their labor for fixing the screen on Pastor Craig's computer, saving approximately \$350. They are currently donating 10% of all sales between now and the end of May for Project Grad in Rocky Hill.



Super Bowl Party Basket Raffle!

Purchase your tickets during Coffee Hour or at the Comfort Food Dinner:

\$2 per ticket – 3 tickets for \$5 – 7 tickets for \$10 – 15 tickets for \$20

Drawing will be held at Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 29

Basket will be ready for pick-up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5

Basket will include:

- Super Bowl themed napkins, plates, tablecloth, cups, and a football dish
- Craft beers from the Firefly Hollow taproom and brewery (whose proprietor is our own Bill Collins) - Non-alcoholic sparkling beverages will be substituted if so desired
- Gift card for one Super Sub sandwich
- Gourmet salsa and tortilla chips
- Crackers, chips, and dips
- 24 frozen already-made appetizers from BJ's
- Homemade baked goods

Proceeds to support the High School Youth Group mission trip to Louisiana, to repair homes damaged by various weather events.

Order some Super Sub Sandwiches for the Super Bowl!

High School Youth Group ***Super Sub*** Fundraiser

Proceeds to support our youth mission trip to Louisiana.

Order forms are in Chapin Hall or in the office during the week.

Forms are due by Friday, Feb 3. Subs: \$8, Meal: \$10

Your order will be ready for pick-up after worship on Sunday, Feb 5.



WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE Audio recordings and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, **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. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about



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 or call the church office (860-529-4167)



NOMINATING TIME

It is the time in our church year to think about how each of us feels called to participate in the life of our church. There are many opportunities for sharing your time and talent.

While the church is considering many changes to the governance, we still need to follow the current constitution and find persons to perform the established roles. However, there will not be the commitment of serving for 2 or 3 years.

There are brochures available if you have questions about the various positions and the opportunities associated with each. For questions about a particular board or committee contact someone currently serving or one of us.

Blessings,

Bill Hoffman Candy Smith Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio Steph Heneghan



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

Today is the "end of January" deadline to order gift cards that are not stocked in inventory. A comprehensive listing of all available retailers can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall. Cards ordered by today will be available for pickup on February 5. The next ordering deadline will be on February 26.

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 29

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
4:00pm **Tamil School**
5:00pm **Confirmation Class**
6:00pm **MS Youth**

Sunday

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



January 30

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

January 31

9:30am **NEWSLETTER MAILING**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

Tuesday

Room 23

February 1

5:00pm **LSP Board**
6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

February 2

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

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

February 3

1:00pm **Prayer Service Planning Mtg**
6:00pm **LSP Movie Night**

Friday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

January

29 **Toryn Pulling**
30 **Jason Montana**
31 **Laurel Cole**

February

2 **Cynthia Hunt**
2 **Doreen Grandell**
3 **Teagan Reed-Swale**
4 **Bill Timrud**

New Directories are
available in Chapin Hall
after worship and in the
office during weekday
office hours.



Save the date for
Chili Supper and Movie Night
Sat Feb 25th at 6pm!

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



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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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