

Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
Established 1727
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



February 6, 2011
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion
10:00 A.M

The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! 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 and large-print bulletins are available for worship – ask an usher. Nursery care is always available downstairs in Room 4.

This morning's worship will begin with a welcome, using the Biblical word to call us into God's house in joy and thanksgiving. This will be followed by the prelude, giving us the opportunity to center ourselves as we light the candles, reminding us of the light of Christ in our midst.

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION

Psalm 112

PRELUDE

“My Heart Ever Faithful”

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship pads. Thanks to everyone who wears a name tag and helps our ministry of hospitality. All announcements should be written down and given to the pastor prior to worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Members of 2nd and 3rd Grade Church School

Leader: Beautiful are the works of God!

People: **Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!**

Leader: Beautiful is the mind of God!

People: **Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!**

Leader: Beautiful is the heart of God!

People: **Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!**

Leader: God made the heavens and the earth!

People: **To God be the glory for the things God has done!**

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

New Century Hymnal #86

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

Meghan D. Young

Leader: Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice. You have given yourself to us and for us in your life, death, and resurrection.

People: **And yet we are slow to love and serve. We seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others. We fail to give generously and joyfully and choose to preserve our safety, our comfort, and our privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following your example.**

You may continue your prayer in silence.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As a sign of reconciliation and love, we share Christ's peace with one another. It is not simply our peace, but the peace of Christ that we offer. You are invited to extend your hand to your neighbor with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

* GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

GOD SHARES WORDS OF LOVE AND LIFE

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A COMMUNION MEDITATION FOR ALL AGES

"The Mind of Christ"

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

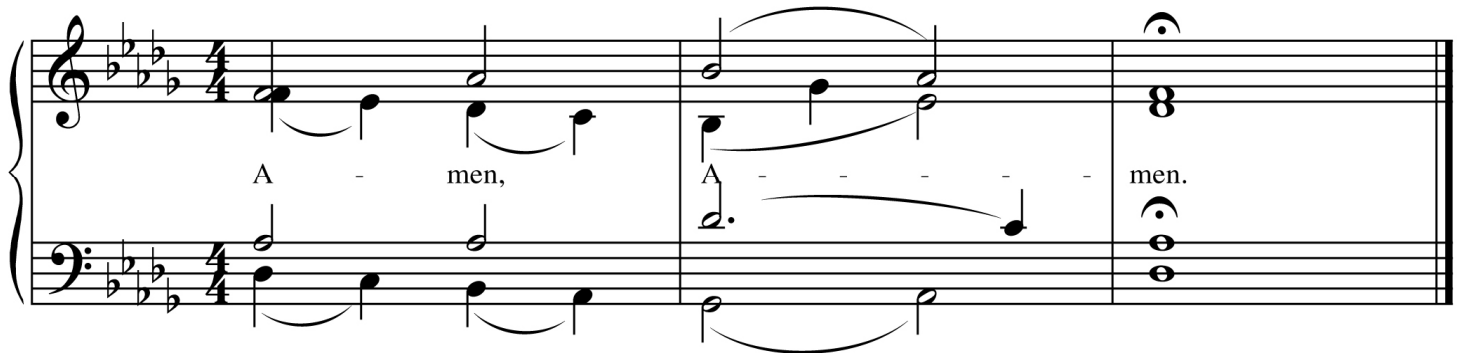
CALL TO PRAYER

“God Be in My Head”

Pilgrim Hymnal #393

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE



A - men, A - - - - men.

OFFERING INVITATION

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

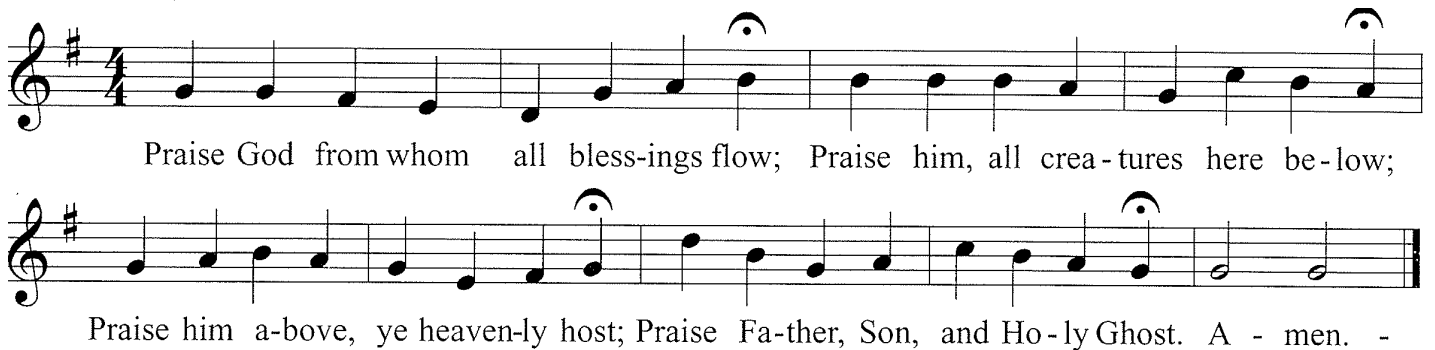
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“All the Day Long”

by K. Lee Scott

The Choir

* DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A - men. -

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

New Century Hymnal #342

WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: We are so grateful that God has welcomed us to this table.

People: We celebrate this, and all the ways that God cares for us and shows us love.

Leader: It is good to be reminded of God's compassion and generosity,

People: and it is good to respond with thanksgiving, with praise, and with generous living.

THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS

Leader: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to come upon this bread and cup and upon us gathered here. As we eat and drink may we know your presence and your power.

People: As we eat and drink may our minds and hearts be transformed to reflect the wisdom and love of Christ in the world.

Leader: And now, as beloved children of a loving God, we pray as Jesus teaches:

People: 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 forever. Amen.

THE STORY IS REMEMBERED AND THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

All are welcome to participate in the feast of God! Please wait until all are served before eating the bread and drinking the juice. Gluten free bread is available for those who desire it; please raise your hand and a deacon will serve you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our minds and hearts, and unites us with you.

People: We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, and as those who seek to serve and heal the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

* HYMN

“Teach Me, My God and King”

Pilgrim Hymnal #401

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“My Inmost Heart Now Raises”

by Johann Christoph Bach

*(*Please rise in body or in spirit)*

GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY

Elaine Somes, Judy Graham

USHERS

Doug Robbins, Jim Day, Tom Day, Randy Pulling, Erik Jokl

DEACONS

Julie Dostie, Ruth Fitzgerald, Barry Wilcock, Wendy Ware
Bill Timrud, Jeanne Timrud, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Laurel Cole

The flowers this week are given in memory of Carl and Rose Newman, and Ida and James Tennyson by Joan Tennyson.

The tower is lit this week in celebration of Douglas and Emily Graham’s wedding anniversary.

NEXT WEEK / FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Liturgical Dancer Ruth Lewis will perform the anthem

Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon: “Choose Life!”

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ 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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THIS WEEK AT RHCC
FEBRUARY 6, SUNDAY

Scrip Pick

2:00pm **Confirmation** Fiorilli Room

FEBRUARY 7, MONDAY

5:30pm YOGA w/Lynn Chapin Hall

7:00pm Women's AA Chapin Hall

7:00pm **RHCC Bowling**

7:30pm **Bell Choir** Loft

FEBRUARY 8, TUESDAY

8:30am **Breakfast Club** Bob's Coffee

7:00pm **Council** Fiorilli Room

FEBRUARY 9, WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Quilters** Room 6

12:00pm YOGA w/Lynn Chapin Hall

12:30pm **Bible Study** Fiorilli Room

6:00pm Yoga with Pam Chapin Hall

7:30pm **Adult Choir** Choir Room

FEBRUARY 10, THURSDAY

8:30am YOGA w/Lynn Chapin Hall

5:30pm TOPS Chapin Hall

7:00pm **Theology on Tap** Chuck

8:00pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

FEBRUARY 12, SATURDAY

8:00am CT Assoc Annual Mtg Chapin Hall

8:30am YOGA w/Lynn Fiorilli Room



Birthdays
This
Week!

- 6 Cole Triblets
Ryan Madsen
- 7 Angelo Rutigliano
Cheryl Hummel
- 8 Susan White
Chris Gengenbach
Robert Mullins
- 10 Daniel Scribano
- 11 Val Triblets
Jeffrey White
Izaque da Silva

“Scrip”

Pickup is today. See Gail Hall in Chapin Hall during fellowship time.

Breakfast Club – Tuesday, February 8 at 8:30 AM – At We meet at BOB'S COFFEE SHOP, 33 New Britain Avenue in Rocky Hill. Come join us for coffee, conversation, and community!

Theology on Tap – Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 PM at Chuck's Steakhouse – Are you interested in sharing questions and experiences about God and God's presence in your life? If so, come and join with other church members and friends in the “back room” of the Chuck's Steakhouse. We discuss a different topic each month, so join us whenever you can. Bring a friend and see you at Chuck's! Contact Donna (donna@rhccucc.org or on FACEBOOK) if you have questions, want to suggest a topic, or can join us for a gathering.

Vision Planning Meeting

Due to last week's snow storm, the Vision Planning Meeting is being rescheduled. We will gather **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 at 6:30 PM** for pizza and 7:00 – 8:00 PM for conversation and action. Boards and Committees meetings will also meet this Tuesday

Come to a Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM



The film showing is *Across the Universe*. Within the lyrics of the world's most famous Beatles songs lives a story that has never been told...until now.

Across the Universe from director, Julie Taymor, is a revolutionary rock musical that re-imagines America in the turbulent late-1960's, a time when battle lines were being drawn at home and abroad. When young dockworker, Jude (Jim Sturgess) leaves Liverpool to find his estranged father in America, he is swept up by the waves of change that are re-shaping the nation. Jude falls in love with Lucy, (Evan Rachel Wood), a rich but sheltered American girl who joins the growing anti-war movement in New York's Greenwich Village. As the body count in Vietnam rises, political tensions at home spiral out of control and the star-crossed lovers find themselves in a psychedelic world gone mad. The story even includes a cameo by Bono! *Across the Universe* "is the kind of movie you watch again like listening to a favorite album." (Roger Ebert, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES)

BIBLE BLITZ!

A SERIES ON THE BIBLE FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

February 13 – What's the Good Word about History and Interpretation?

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM in the Chapel

NEW DATE: February 20 – A Field Trip to Temple Beth Torah Synagogue (Wethersfield) with the 2nd and 3rd Grade Church School

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible – what it contains, how it was formed, and how people have used it over the centuries? This series will give you an introduction to the book Christians claim is central to the life of faith. This course is for EVERYONE – those who've been hearing or reading the Bible for many years, those who've just begun to read the Scriptures, and those who have questions they've always wanted to ask! The Field Trip on February 20 will allow us to see scrolls, and learn about the language of the Hebrew Bible.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner:

Safe Church Volunteers Needed For Winter/Spring Unit.

It's a new round of Safe Church sign-ups! Safe church volunteers are needed to help in the nursery, church school, youth room, and at youth group events. This is a great way to get to know the children and youth, and grow in your faith. Sign-up in Chapin Hall. To learn more or volunteer, talk to Meghan Young (meghan@rhccucc.org).

Confirmation Class Meets Today

Confirmation Class will meet from 2-3:45 PM today in the Fiorilli Room. During February we are learning about the sacraments, and today we are kicking things off with exploring "Baptism."

High School Crew (9th-12th Grade) – GLEEBLE STUDY!

Starting Today! Join us as we explore our faith through the song, humor, and stories of Glee! As always friends are welcome. We will meet for dinner, glee viewing, and discussion from 4 PM – 6 PM on February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th. Sign-up in Chapin Hall or email Meghan Young at meghan@rhccucc.org for more information.

2011 Lenten Devotional Booklet – Submissions Needed

Calling all thinkers, questioners, wonderers, reflectors, writers, artists, doodlers, photographers, and jotters of ALL ages. RHCC, UCC, will be creating a 2011 Lenten devotional booklet, for us as a community to walk together deeper in our faith as we reflect and discover during lent. There are 47 faith reflections needed. If you are interested in sharing a reflection of any form or would like more information, please sign-up in Chapin Hall or email meghan@rhccucc.org. Sign-up deadline is Sunday, February 13th. Submission deadline is Wednesday, February 23rd.