

**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**February 10, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*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.*

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## 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.*

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

L: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

L: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

L: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**All: Who chooses even you and me,  
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.  
All glory to God!**

### \*HYMN

“God Our Author and Creator”

N530

*\*please rise in body or in spirit*

***Bold denotes unison response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, is it possible that you will speak to us?

We may not be ready to believe it.

We may not be ready to receive you.

But we have gathered in your name and we pray: Come, Holy One!

Fill us with the story of your people; fill us with your loving

Word. Take us as we are, and make us wholly yours.

In Jesus' name, we pray:

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,

The first system of musical notation is for the vocal line. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". Below the vocal line is a bass line with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line. It features a long note for "me." with a fermata. The lyrics are "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.". Below the vocal line is a bass line with chords and single notes.

## 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**

“Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

The Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 5:1-11

Pew Bible NTp

**SERMON**

“Gone Fishing”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

NCH 173

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

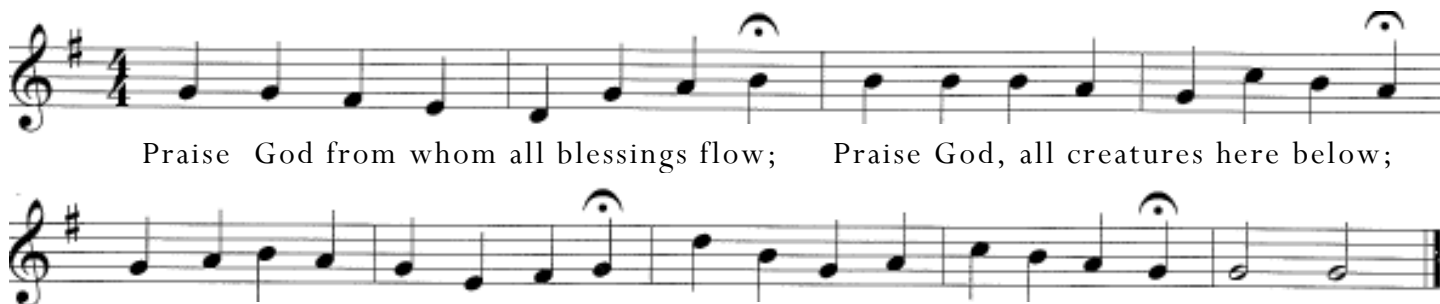
*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.*

### 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

#### \*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

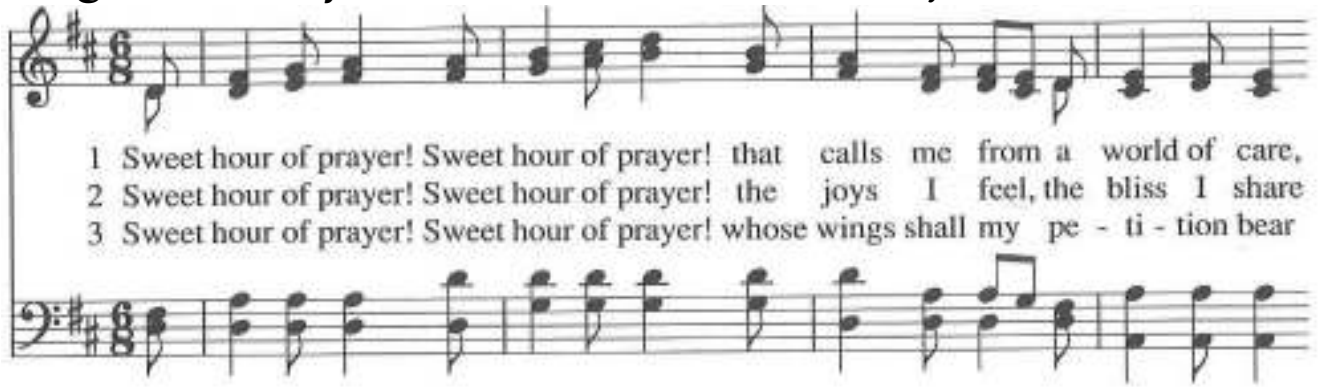
## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Joys & Concerns

# Sung Call to Prayer

## “Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

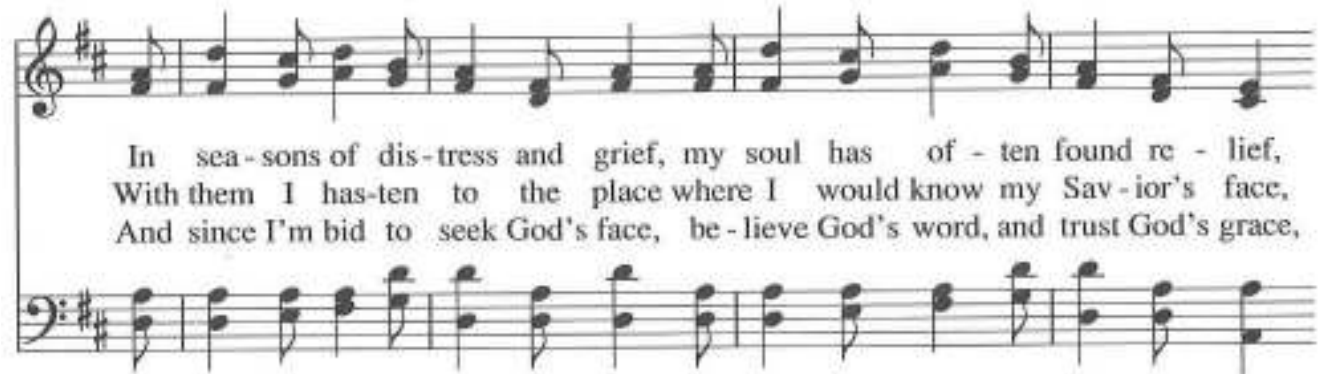
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion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

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

N 531

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Bob Carberry

**USHERS**

Deb Copes, Steve Smith and Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

Jean Goff and Sue VanNess

*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of Jay Romano  
by Gail and Natalie Tine.*

*The  
Loving  
Memory*

#### DISASTER RELIEF BUCKET ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, February 24th, we will assemble emergency clean up buckets during worship to donate to Church World Service (CWS). CWS provides disaster relief to families and communities affected by flooding, tornadoes and other disasters. Please join us as we assemble the supplies during our worship service. If you are interested in donating toward the purchase of supplies, please contact the Outreach and Witness ministry team or purchase gift cards through Scrip. Please contact a member of Outreach and Witness or sign up on our bulletin board if you are interested in volunteering to help shop for supplies, take photos of the bucket assembly or deliver the filled buckets to Center Church in Meriden.





**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00pm**

**Movie Night at RHCC!**

This film begins a series "Who Is My Neighbor Anyway?" for the next four Sundays. Jesus tells us to "love our neighbor as ourselves" and all the world is our neighbor, yet we know so little about how they live. Please note that most of these films are for adults or youth and not children; parents please use your judgement. A summer movie series will be all "family-friendly."

Location: Youth Room (lower level)

Time: 1pm til approx. 3pm

Popcorn and drinks will be provided, courtesy of Inreach Ministry Team

This Sunday:

Slumdog Millionaire R 121 mins

Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, is about to experience the biggest day of his life. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20-million rupees on India's "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating; how could a street kid know so much? Desperate to prove his innocence, Jamal tells the story of his life in the slum where he and his brother grew up, of their adventures together on the road, of vicious encounters with local gangs, and of Latika, the girl he loved and lost.

Upcoming films:

The Kite Runner (Afghanistan)

Queen of Katwe (Uganda)

Roma (Mexico - if we can successfully stream! alternative is the Fred Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor")



## 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

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on February 24 (with delivery on March 3). E-cards may be ordered anytime.

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

## February 10

10:00am Worship  
 9:30am Childcare  
 10:00am Church School  
 11:00am Coffee Hour  
 1:00pm Movie Showing

## Sunday

Sanctuary  
 Room 4  
 Rms 24,25,26  
 Chapin Hall  
 Teen Room



## February 11

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

## Monday

Fiorilli  
 Sanctuary

## February 12

7:00pm Council  
 7:00 pm InReach

## Tuesday

Fiorilli  
 Chapin Hall

## February 13

7:30pm Choir

## Wednesday

Choir Room

## February 14

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

## Thursday

Room 6  
 Chapin Hall

## February 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

9:00am LSP/Music Together

## Friday

Rm 6

## February 16

## Saturday

11	Val Triblets
12	Alyssa Gau
12	Caryn Doten
13	Bev Schmidt
13	Tyler Morgan
14	Kurt Sheathelm
14	Brian Speers
16	John Speers



The office will be closed  
 on Monday, February 18  
 for President's Day

FEB 15 – NEWSLETTER  
 DEADLINE FOR THE  
 MARCH  
 CHURCH MOUSE  
 Mailing date will be Monday,  
 February 25.

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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**

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