

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



February 17, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Sixth 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Andonucci

L: Jesus, healer, draws crowds poor and rich, fragile, troubled, hope-filled:

All: He heals them all.

L: Jesus, teacher, draws crowds of neighbors and foreigners,
the pious and the curious,

All: He teaches them all.

L: Jesus, leader, draws crowds hoping for a rallying cry, a slogan,
a catchphrase of power,

All: He surprises them all with beatitudes instead.

**Let us welcome the One who leads us deeply
into the generous power of the Reign of God,
where healing, wisdom, and blessing await!**

**please rise in body or in spirit*

Bold denotes unison response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Jesus,
Healer, teacher, leader
Break in to our busy lives today and draw us to yourself.
Open our lives to receive all that you have to offer:
A healing touch, an enlightening word,
a call to do your work of justice in the world.
Shake up our lives so that we may enter
Your reign of beatitudes,
where the poor are fed,
the excluded are welcomed,
the sorrowing consoled and
the lost find a home among us.
In your holy name we pray as you 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**

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Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

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

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 year. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible NT p64

SERMON

“Blessed”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

in bulletin

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 Anthem

*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

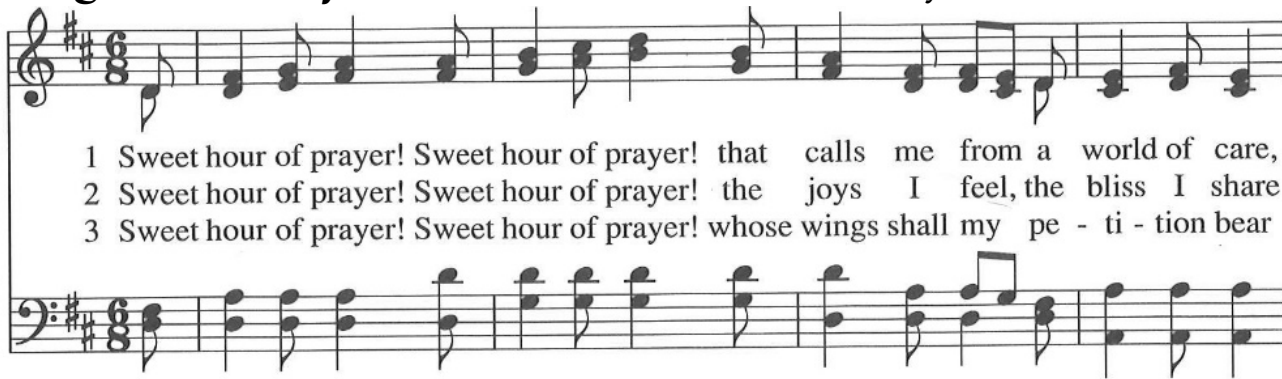
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

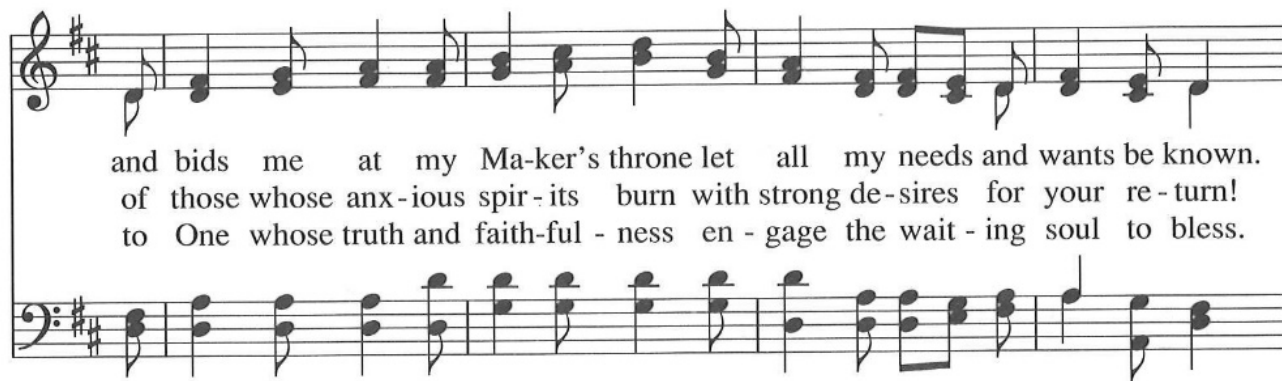
Sung Call to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

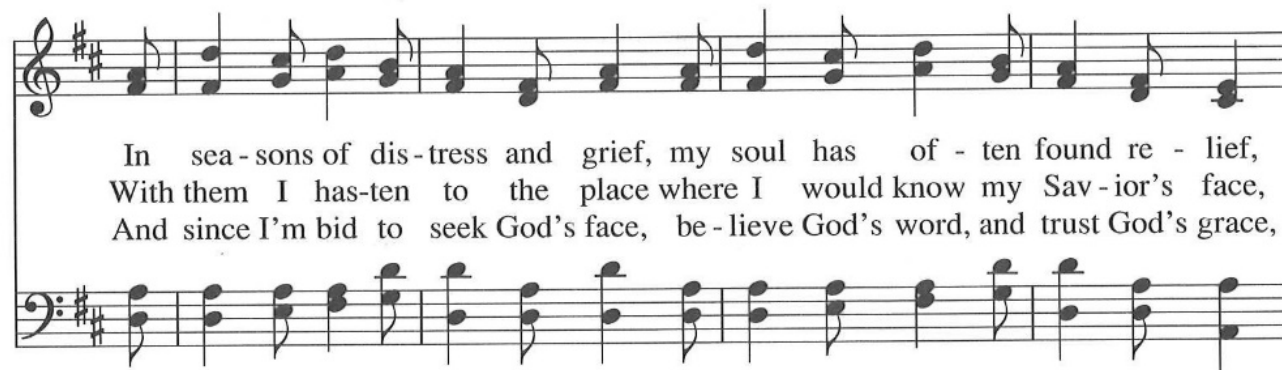
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



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**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Michael Andonucci

USHERS

Steve Smith, Deb Copes and Marge Murk

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow and Sue VanNess

TODAY

10:00am Worship
9:30am Child Care
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Fellowship Hour
1:00pm “Who is My Neighbor” movie series

NEXT WEEK

SUN. FEB 24

10:00am Worship
Disaster Relief Buckets
Child Care
Church School
Coffee Fellowship
Movie

WELCOME VISITORS

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. If you’d like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



During the last few months we have had a Ministry Moment at the beginning of each worship service to highlight the different core ministries in our new governance structure. This year we will still have Ministry Moments but not every Sunday. If you would like to give a Ministry Moment to highlight a Ministry Team that you are a part of, please contact Pastor Craig to set up a date for you to do that.

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.



Christmas Cookie Tins Wanted!

There is a donation box in the narthex. Thank you.



The March **CHURCH MOUSE** will be mailed on Monday, February 25. Join a terrific speedy group of mailers in the Fiorilli Room beginning around 9:30am. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Refreshments will be served. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17th at 1:00pm

Movie Matinee at RHCC!

This film is part of a Sunday movie series called: "Who Is My Neighbor Anyway?" 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.

Location: Youth Room (lower level)

Time: 1pm til approx. 3pm

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

This Sunday: Queen of Katwe (PG 124 minutes)

The colorful true story of a young girl selling corn on the streets of rural Uganda whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess, and, as a result of the support she receives from her family and community, is instilled with the confidence and determination she needs to pursue her dream of becoming an international chess champion.

Upcoming films:

The Kite Runner (Afghanistan)

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



SOLE HOPE - UGANDA

The children of Uganda will be on our minds and in our hearts this spring. The Board for Faith Formation is asking everyone to rummage through your closets to find an old pair of jeans you no longer need (just one pair per person, please). These will be transformed into shoe tops for Ugandan children who are at risk for contracting a debilitating foot parasite called jiggers. We will be doing this through the Sole Hope organization (www.solehope.org). Stay tuned for more information and an invitation to an intergenerational Shoe Party, where we will gather to cut out the shoe tops.

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, Payless Shoes, Target, 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 17

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 18

OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENTS' DAY

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

Monday

Fiorilli
 Choir Loft

February 19

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

Tuesday

Chapin Hall

18	Alexander Benson
19	Leona Griswold
20	Midge Harvey
22	Brendan Flynn
22	Nathaniel Ware
23	Scott Bengston

February 20

7:00pm LSP Board
 7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Fiorilli Room
 Choir Room

February 21

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

Thursday

Room 6
 Chapin Hall

February 22

9:00am LSP/Music Together

Friday

Rm 6

February 23

Saturday

**Buy Scrip for Disaster Relief!
 Sunday, February 24
 Bucket Assembly during
 worship.**



Save the Dates!

March 3 – Dixieland Sunday
 March 5 – Shrove Tuesday
 March 6 – Ash Wednesday
 March 22 – Bobby Jo Valentine concert
 March 24 – Budget & Elections Meeting



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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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