Rocky Hill Congregational Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration

FEBRUARY 18, 2007

10:00 A.M

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The Friendly Community Church at the Center Established 1727

Order of Worship Fat Sunday

Together with the churches of the Connecticut Conference, we worship today in solidarity with the people of Mississippi, Louisiana, and especially our sister church, Central Congregational UCC in New Orleans.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and extend a special greeting to our visitors; our service is enriched by your presence! Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please remember to wear your nametags! Join us downstairs in Chapin Hall for coffee and fellowship at the conclusion of worship. If you have an announcement to share with the congregation, please come forward and use the microphone.

Prelude

"Fat Sunday Rag"

- by Percy Hall
 - Woodwind Quintet

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Jillian Fulda, Rose Lewis, Gail Hall, David Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio

- Leader: Praise the Lord of the dance! Play to our God a fresh song!
- People: Let us praise God with all of the spirit that we can muster. Sing lively, new praises in the assembly of God's faithful.
- Leader: Let persons from all stations rejoice in God, our Sovereign. Melodies of praise can speak more deeply than our words.
- People: Upon trumpet and drum; upon bass, piano and horn, Our music is joyous; gladness pours out toward heaven.
- All: Together, Let us worship the God of Jesus Christ, who calls to us and comes among us this day!

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"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

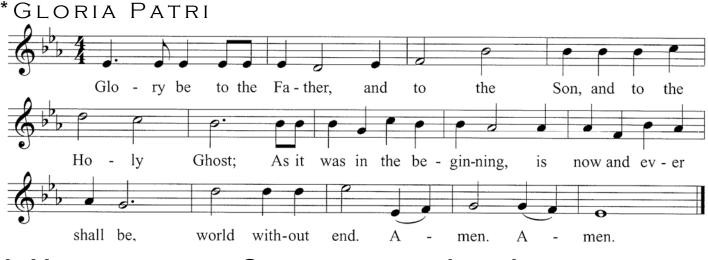
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*Prayer of Invocation and

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

- We glorify you, Heavenly Father, for all there is to enjoy: The stark beauty of the empty winter horizon and sky, The fascination of new life waiting within that barrenness, The gathering of old friends and the blessing of newcomers, Conversation, dancing, laughter, competition, shared meals.
- We glorify you, Creator and Redeemer, for the goodness of life: The warm pleasures of remembering the past, The stirring excitement of doing something new, The worship of your church and the hope of full days, Hobbies, pastimes, literature, music, films and painting.
- We glorify you, Lord God, One in Three Persons, for blessed abundant gifts: The wry wit and wisdom of women and men,The moments where the joy of generations intermingles,The burning hope to do or become more than we imagined,Challenges, promises, goals, comforts, beginnings, and ends.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, saying together the words he taught us, "Our Father, who art in heaven..."



A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES (children are invited to proceed to their Church School classes)

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 9:28-36 (p.69) A N T H E M "Transfiguration" by Joel Martinson Senior Choir S E R M O N "Live in the Light" The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee

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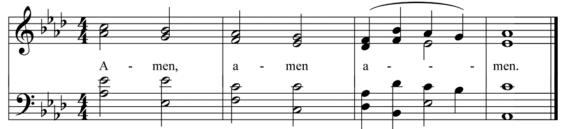
"You are My Savior" (printed in bulletin)

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Tuya Es La Gloria" (We Sing of Your Glory)

by Susan T. Sylvester Jubilate Bell Choir

Jubliace Dell'elle

*DOXOLOGY



* H Y M N "This Little Light of Mine" *(printed in bulletin)*

Bill Pirre

BENEDICTION

Postlude

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. by Dave Hall Fat Sunday Dixieland Combo Michael Bower, Sam Dean-Lee, Ruth Fitzgerald, Dave Hall, Gail Hall, Melody Hall, Hilaire Leavitt, David Lewis, Kathryn Lewis, Chris Mosure,

(*All who are able, please stand.)

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GREETERS

HOSPITALITY

USHERS

The Kettles Family

The Lupacchino Family

Bob Carberry, Waverly Kelley, Rich Pawlich Jim and Joan Ross, and Bill Timrud

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Bud Harvey by Midge, Dan, Carol, and Jonathan Harvey, and Meagan McLoughlin. The flowers also serve as a reminder for us all to remember to hug one another at least once a day as he hugged us.

The tower is lit this week in loving memory of Leroy Bennett by Barbara Bennett.

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE 147

Next Week

First Sunday of Lent Scripture: Luke 4:1-13 Sermon: "Going It Alone" The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

THIS WEEK AT RHCC		1	
FEBRUARY 18	SUNDAY	\cap	
11:15am Fat Sunday Bake Sale!!	Chapin Hall		
11:30am Brass Ensemble Practic	e Sanctuary		
FEBRUARY 19	MONDAY	1 (Birthdays
12:00pm Bridge	Chapin Hall		This
7:00pm RHCC Bowling League	e Bowl-A-Rama		Week!
7:30pm Bell Choir	Choir Loft	18	Kathleen Bighinatti
7:00pm Women's AA	Chapin Hall		Alexander Benson
FEBRUARY 20	Tuesday	19	Leona Griswold
6:00pm Shrove Tuesday	Chapin Hall	17	Cory Sparry
Pancake Supper		20	
FEBRUARY 21	WEDNESDAY	20	Midge Harvey
9:00am Quilters	Chapin Hall	22	Myrtle Furman
6:00pm TOPS	Chapin Hall		Brendan Flynn
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Servic	e Chapel		Nathaniel Ware
7:30pm Senior Choir	Choir Loft	23	Lee Rafferty
FEBRUARY 22	Thursday		Scott Bengston
10:00am Haven Health Service	Haven Health		Brett Timrud
7:00pm Men's AA	Chapel	24	
7:00pm World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary	24	Jan LaCava
Practice			Benjamin Rolfe
FEBRUARY 23	Friday		William Rolfe
6:00pm AA	Chapin Hall		
FEBRUARY 24	SATURDAY		
8:30am Men's Bible Study	Parlor		



AA

7:30pm

Today during Coffee Hour!

Indulge yourself with a variety of fabulous home-baked treats. We will also welcome any donations. This event is sponsored by the young people of our church who would like to fatten you up!

Shrove Tuesday, February 20, 6:00pm – CE is planning a delectable PANCAKE FEAST followed by an EFFERVESCENT show-POPPING time with BUBBLE-OLOGIST *CASEY CARLE* of local fame AND Cirque de Soleil! For all ages! After the show, we will all quietly "put away our ALLELUIAs" as we

Chapin Hall



prepare for the quiet season of Lent. (Please bring an old *clean* sock.) Does this sound like fun, or what!!! A free will offering to defer costs for the dinner and to benefit Central Congregational Church in New Orleans.

Lenten Series: This year's Lenten Study Series will take place on February 25, March 4, 18, and 25 after Sunday worship, and will be four opportunities to be in conversation with the morning's preacher and each other about the Lenten themes raised in the sermon. Each session will be held in Chapin Hall, and will begin with a light lunch.

<u>E.L.F.</u> – The Guardsman whose family we are now helping is in Afghanistan. His unit is the 102 Infantry providing security in the reconstruction effort. Even though this sounds like a safe mission, it is important in bringing peace and prosperity to the region. The sergeant has three children here at home and can certainly use all the support we can give his family through the ELF program. January donations: <u>\$255.00</u> – Accumulative amount to date: <u>\$5058</u>

Peter's Retreat – Brunch – Sunday, February 25^{th} at 11:30 a.m. Food Prep will be on Saturday, February 24^{th} – Cooks and Servers needed. Call Denise Carberry for more information.

<u>Ash Wednesday</u> marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, a time of reflection on the depth of our need for God. We will gather to worship on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel, where together we hear God's word, make our confession to God and receive Christ's forgiveness, and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

<u>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</u> resumes at 6:00 on February 28, when we continue our exploration of the Book of Revelation.

Scholarship Opportunities

RHCC Scholarship – Graduating high school seniors and returning college undergraduates who are seeking an RHCC scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year should obtain an application from the church office. The application is also available from the web site, <u>www.rhccucc.org</u> and may be submitted electronically. Please complete and return it prior to April 15, 2007. Scholarship awards will be announced in June.

Fuller Scholarship – Eligibility Requirements are: <u>1.</u> Able to demonstrate financial need (determined by filing the FAFSA), <u>2.</u> Currently in your senior year at a high school located within Hartford County, <u>3.</u> Maintaining an average 70 or better (or its equivalent), <u>4.</u> A member of the UCC/Congregational Church and "professed to be of the Congregational faith", <u>5.</u> Planning to attend a fully accredited four-year college as a candidate for a baccalaureate degree. If you meet the eligibility requirements of the Fuller Scholarship Fund, you may request an application packet by writing to:

Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship Fund, c/o Trinity College Financial Aid Office 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106-3100 or email: <u>financial-aid@trincoll.edu</u>

<u>Scholarship Directory Available</u> – Students can pick up a copy of the directory from Jonathan Lee. They can also access it online at <u>www.hfpg.org/scholarships</u>, visit <u>www.hfpg.org</u> or call 548-1888.

"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS"

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands, He's got the moon and the stars in His hands, He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands, He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands, He's got you and he's got me in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands, He's got everybody there in His hands, He's got everybody everywhere in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

(up a key for the final verse) He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole --- world --- in --- His --- hands!

Luke 9:29-36

²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said.

³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

"YOU ARE MY SAVIOR" (tune: "You Are My Sunshine")

You are my Savior, my only Savior, You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, Lord, how much I love You, For You'll always show me the way.

The other night, Lord, as I lay sleeping I dreamed You held me within Your arms. When I awoke, Lord, I wasn't weeping, For You kept me safe from all harm.

You are my Savior, my only Savior, You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, Lord, how much I love You, For You'll always show me the way.

I'll always love You and be Your servant, I know You'll always remain the same. Your love is constant, just like a parent's, And You'll light my way like a flame.

You are my Savior, my only Savior, You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, Lord, how much I love You, For You'll always show me the way.

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! - I'm gonna let it shine Hide it under a bushel? No! - I'm gonna let it shine Hide it under a bushel? No! - I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!