

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**February 19, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventh 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.***

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Draw near to God's statutes, the Psalmist writes,

People: **"So that we may observe them to the end."**

Leader: Let us be led in the paths of God's commandments,

People: **So that we may delight in the richness of God's life.**

Leader: Worship God in honesty and forthrightness,

People: **So that Christ's Spirit may perfect us for God's realm!**

*HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

PH (red) 372

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, you long for us to hear
that the heart of your commandment is truthful love.
Even more than that,
you long for us to embody this way of integrity
in all facets of our lives.
Dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us
draws us close to the holiness of everyday life,
the witness of Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit.
Inspire our worship,
that our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace.
We pray in Jesus' name, as he 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 consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It also features a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics written below the treble staff.

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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The lyrics are: 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

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”
The Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-48

NT Pew Bible p4-5

SERMON

“On Reconciliation and Wholeness”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“We Would Be Building”

NC (black) 607

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing 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 Solo

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

John Ness Beck

Jillian Maynard, mezzo-soprano

*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**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

NC (black) 400

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Don Pagnucco

USHERS

Bob Carberry, Bill Cordes, Lois & Jim Stevens

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*The Tower is lit In Loving Memory of
nephew and cousin **Jay Romano**
by Gail and Natalie Tine*



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 26

Worship, Childcare, Church School

Coffee Hour

Confirmation Class Meeting

Middle School Youth ‘Breakfast for Dinner’

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.

Child Care during worship is available in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Supervised by Liz Pulling and another adult. If you’re interested in volunteering to help Liz, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

Chili Supper and Movie Night Saturday, February 25, 6:00pm.



The Music Committee invites you to our annual Chili Supper with a new twist. This year we'll be having a movie night instead of a talent show. Yes, we still have tons of talent, but we thought we'd try something a little different. What better on a cold, late February evening than a big bowl of chili and a good movie. The movie will be *The Princess Bride*. Please contact Deb Copes at Deb.copes@gmail.com or Ruth Fitzgerald at rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com if you can bring chili, cornbread or a dessert.



Shrove
Tuesday



SHROVE TUESDAY WORSHIP AND SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 5:30 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Hosted by InReach and Faith Formation, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on February 28^h at 5:30pm. Please join us for pancakes, activities and music; and then we will turn our hearts and minds to the reflective time of Lent, as celebrated with a service of prayer and ashes. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Chapin Hall.

A Journey Through Lent



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day. The office will be open from 9am-2pm, Tuesday through Thursday; and from 9am-Noon on Friday.

New Church Member Directories are available in Chapin Hall after worship, or from the office during the week. Call 860-529-4167 if you'd like one sent to you.

RHCC IS GOING TO SUPER SATURDAY!

Super Saturday is a full-day of skill building; offering numerous workshops, worship, a marketplace of vendors, and an opportunity for everyone to network with one another.



Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School
621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095

This year's Super Saturday is co-hosted by the Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island Conferences of the UCC, and will feature keynote speaker Brian McLaren, author, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for working with people of all faiths for the common good. In his new book, The Great Spiritual Migration, Brian McLaren invites you to set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian while joining in interfaith conversation about religious life in migration.

If you would like to attend, contact the church office at: office@rhccucc.org or 860-529-4167 and we will be registering for you. RHCC will cover the registration cost, and there is a group discount. (Please do not register yourself.) For more information, see Craig, Georgette or Deb Copes. Brochures are available in Chapin Hall.

To view the workshops, visit: www.ctucc.org and enter Super Saturday 2017 in the upper right search box.

HOFSTRA CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT - SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 4 P.M.

You won't want to miss this memorable concert!

The Hofstra University Chamber a cappella Choir will be back with us again for an afternoon concert on March 25th. The Hofstra Chorale specializes in the study of larger-scale choral works, ranging from extended a cappella pieces to the rich variety of the choral-orchestral repertoire. For a sample YouTube recording from the choir's 2012 concert at RHCC, please visit: rhccucc.org/hofstra

We will also be looking for **host families** for the choir member's one-night stay. Many of you have hosted students in the past and found it a delightful experience. Please contact Lynne Lataille at Lynnelataille@sbcglobal.com if you can host!



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

The next ordering deadline (for cards not kept in inventory) 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

February 19

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
4:00pm **Tamil School**
5:00pm **HS Youth Laser Quest**

February 20

OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY

Preschool Closed

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

February 21

Preschool Closed

7:00pm **LSP Board**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

February 22

6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

February 23

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

February 24

Set up for chili supper

February 25

**Don't Miss!! Movie Night and Chili Supper at 6pm!
Free! We'll be showing 'The Princess Bride'.**

Sunday

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli
Sanctuary

Tuesday

Fiorilli
Room 23

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapin Hall

Saturday



19	Leona Griswold
20	Midge Harvey
22	Brendan Flynn
22	Nathaniel Ware
23	Scott Bengston
23	Brett Timrud
24	Jan LaCava
24	Ben Rolfe
24	Will Rolfe
25	Hannah DeGiovanni

Church Mouse
newsletter mailing
on Monday
February 27
9:30am in Fiorilli
All are welcome!



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Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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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