

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**February 23, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Transfiguration – Dixieland Sunday**



WELCOME! We extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Nursery care is offered during worship downstairs in Room 4. Hearing devices are available for worship; an usher will be glad to assist you when you ask.

Please join us for fellowship time after worship in Chapin Hall, which is located downstairs. The Welcome Table in Chapin Hall offers information about the church; someone will be glad to answer your questions!

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

Quote for Reflection:

The Greek word, *doxa*...is a quality belonging to God and is recognized by humankind only in response to God. It is most often translated *glory*. It suggests something which radiates from the one who has it, leaving an impression behind... Behind this meaning, lies the Hebrew concept of *kabod*, meaning glory, and honour. [The Greek version of the Old Testament] represents this by *doxa* and gives it the same meaning. When it is used of God, it does not mean God in God's essential nature, but the luminous manifestation of God's person, God's glorious revelation of [Godself].

The New International Dictionary of N.T. Theology, ed. Colin Brown

PRELUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Sometimes our worship is a calm and quiet space,

in which we praise God.

Sometimes our worship is a collage of sights and sounds,

in which we praise God.

And sometimes our worship music lifts the roof off,

giving us the chance to celebrate the love of God

who gives us life and breath in which to sing God's praise.

Let's dance and sing and clap and celebrate in the Spirit, knowing that every melody, in every key, and in every language, comes from God!

Let's worship together!

*OPENING HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

African-American
spiritual

*(*please rise in body or in spirit; Bold denotes unison response)*

***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 sisters and my brothers in His hands,
He's got my sisters and my brothers in His hands,
He's got my sisters and my brothers 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!

*These traditional pronouns are not able to capture the fullness of who God is – neither male or female – yet they have been used for generations, to convey a personal relationship with the Holy One. Please feel free to use She/her/hers or They/their/theirs if you are comfortable with more inclusive language. I often interchange these myself, to capture the truth that God is “spirit.” **Pastor Nada**

INVOCATION and the Lord's Prayer *(responsively, people in bold)*

L: We rejoice in your presence, Living God, as we celebrate the ways in which
you hold everything together...

For your creation, alive and flourishing,

We sing for joy.

For family, neighbors, friends and all people who carry your image,

We sing for joy.

And for this church, on a Sunday when we swing and dance,

We share your joy!

May our ears be open and our hearts respond

to the melody of the Spirit, which keeps us mindful of all that

Jesus taught us, including this prayer...

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

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

John Bell

sing through twice, or as directed

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics: "Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace.____". The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics: "Come, O Lord, and set us free; Come, Lord Je - sus, come.____". Both staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace.____

9
Come, O Lord, and set us free; Come, Lord Je - sus, come.____

Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you with a handshake, an embrace, or a greeting comfortable to you.

A Message for All Ages

Georgette Huie

(Children are invited to depart for 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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

African-American spiritual

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 19 – Responsively, see *page #630* in *New Century Hymnal*

SERMON

“Glory Spoken Here”

Rev. Nada Sellers

*HYMN

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

African-American spiritual

Glo-ry, glo-ry, - hal-le - lu-jah,
I feel bet-ter, ___ so much bet-ter,
I feel like shout-ing ___ hal-le - lu-jah, since I laid my ___ bur-dens down. ___
Glo-ry, glo-ry, ___ hal-le - lu-jah,
Glo-ry, glo-ry, ___ hal-le - lu-jah,
I feel bet-ter, ___ so much bet-ter, since I laid my ___ bur-dens down. ___
I feel like shout-ing ___ hal-le - lu-jah,
Glo-ry, glo-ry, ___ hal-le - lu-jah,


OFFERING OF GIFTS

After the ushers receive the offering, they will collect blue prayer request cards. 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Do Lord, Oh Do Remember Me African-American spiritual

*The 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 PEOPLE

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer



***HYMN**

We Shall Not Be Moved

African-American spiritual

5

Repeat last verse up one key

8

13

We shall not, we shall not be moved.____
On our way to glo - ry, we shall not be moved.____
Je - sus is our Sav - iour, we shall not be moved.____
We shall not, we shall not be moved.____

Just like a tree that's plan - ted by the wa - ter,

We shall not be moved._____

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marchin' In

traditional Dixieland standard

RHCC Dixieland Band
Dave Hall, trumpet
Gail Hall, clarinet
Ruth Fitzgerald, baritone horn
Rhody Triblets, guitar
Mary DeLibero, bass (keyboard)
John Corvo, drums

All of the Dixieland music in this morning's service was arranged by Dave Hall.



THANKS to our worship participants today:

Ministers	You, the people of God
Pastor	Rev. Nada Sellers
Liturgist	Bob Carberry
Minister for Children/Youth	Georgette Huie
Ushers	Marge Murk, Steve Smith, Deb Copes
Greeter	Joan Tennyson
Hospitality	Lynne McKenna, Nancy Harlow

MOVING INTO LENT



LENTEN JOURNEY



Dixieland Sunday – Today

Since 2006, our church has taken advantage of its musical resources by engaging various vocal and instrumental ensembles to provide Dixieland-style music during the morning worship service on Transfiguration Sunday. Please enjoy the music (and sing or clap if moved) as we celebrate the final Sunday after Epiphany before transitioning to the more reflective season of Lent.

Fat Tuesday Supper – February 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for pancakes, activities and music as we celebrate before the start of the reflective time of Lent. Sponsored by Faith Formation, this is a fun intergenerational event!



Ash Wednesday – February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

A brief but beautiful service of prayers, music, meditation and ashes will be held in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

See insert for information on our upcoming LENTEN SERIES: *Gifts of the Dark Wood*.



We'd like to stay in touch with you! Here's how...Please include your full address, phone number and email as you sign our friendship registration pads. 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. If you have announcements, please write them down and give them to the ushers or pastor prior to worship.

We're going to Super Saturday! March 14, 2020 8am-4pm Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham, MA. **Registration deadline: Feb 29.** Contact the office or Pastor Nada if you would like to attend.



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

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.



Church member Jackie Little has two photos in the Rocky Hill Historical Society Photo Display: ***Winter in Rocky Hill Now & Then.*** The display is located in the Town Hall Lobby inside the Old Main Street entrance. Stop by, identify the location of the 5 'Now' photos, submit your entry to win a Rocky Hill trivet.

Bucket Brigade

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and donations last Sunday to our disaster relief bucket collection for Church World Services (CWS). We partnered with the Rotary Club of Wethersfield/Rocky Hill to collect and organize clean-up supplies for 25 buckets. We also received a \$250 UCC Disaster Ministries Grant to help cover the cost. The buckets are ready for CWS to ship out immediately to those in need after a natural disaster. CWS also provides long term recovery assistance long after each individual disaster is out of the news spotlight. They focus particular attention to those with the fewest means and to those with language, age, disability and other access issues. *Thank you!*



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
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

***Today (Feb 23) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory.** Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 1. After today, the next order will be placed on March 22. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.*

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.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

February 23

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
5:00pm Confirmation Class

February 24

7:00pm Nominating Team
7:00pm Women's AA

February 25

9:30am **Newsletter mailing**
5:30pm **FAT TUESDAY!**

February 26

6:30pm **ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:00pm Bell Choir
7:30pm Choir

February 27

7:30pm Men's AA

February 28

Office closed on Fridays
6:30pm Little Scholars Preschool

February 29

No meetings

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall
Room 2

Monday

Fiorilli
Room 6

Tuesday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Wednesday

Chapel
Choir Room
Choir Room

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapin Hall

Saturday



23	Scott Bengston
23	Skyler Smith
23	Brett Timrud
24	Jan LaCava
24	Ben Rolfe
24	Will Rolfe
25	Hannah DeGiovanni
27	Dot Wenzel
27	Roxanne Molina
27	Keira Silkowski
27	Gabriella Silkowski
29	Joseph Sheehan



Pastor Nada's Office Hours:

Monday 9:30am-3:30pm
Tuesday 10:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday 3:00pm – 5:00pm
And by appointment; please feel free to contact me if you'd like to find a different time that works better for you. Thank you!

Fat Tuesday Supper – February 25 at 5:30 p.m.
Please join us for pancakes, activities and music; as we celebrate before the start of the reflective time of Lent. Sponsored by Faith Formation, this is a fun intergenerational event! All are welcome to attend!

