

Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



MARCH 7, 2010

10:00 A.M

The Friendly, Open and Affirming Community Church at the Center
Established 1727

Ministry Team

Ministers: All the members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Reverend Barbara J. Libby barlibby@rhccucc.org

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio associate@rhccucc.org

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome you and extend a special greeting to our visitors; our service is enriched by your presence! Join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time at the conclusion of worship. Nursery care is available downstairs in Room 4.

Children will remain in the sanctuary and today they will teach us The Lord's Prayer in sign language, which they have learned from Jennifer Martin. During the time of Communion everyone is invited to pray The Lord's Prayer using the signs.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Please include your full address and phone number as you sign our friendship registration pads, and please wear your name tags. All announcements should be written down and given to the usher or pastor prior to worship.

PRELUDE

"Bell Prayer"

by A. Steven Taranto

Jubilate Handbell Choir

INTROIT

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

New Century Hymnal # 743

The Choir and the Congregation

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Barbara J. Libby

"Help Us Listen"

An adaptation of a prayer by Ted Loder

* HYMN

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

New Century Hymnal #23

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Meghan Young

(During Advent we light a candle each week as a sign of the coming light of the world, Jesus Christ. During Lent, we extinguish a light each week, as we prepare for Good Friday, when Christ died on the cross.)

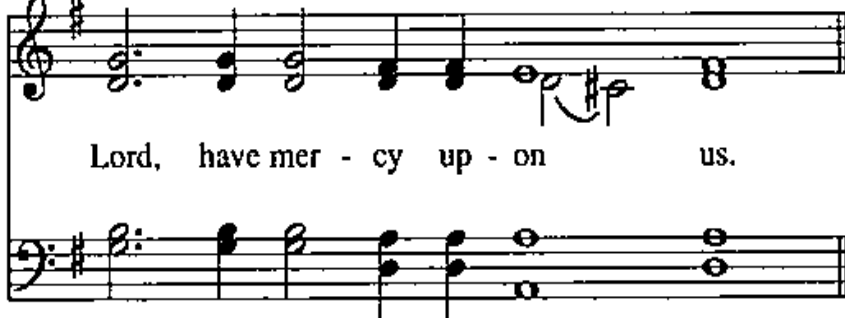
Leader: Today, during this season of Lent, we remember the times when we turn away from this light and love. Let us pray together as the light from the third candle is extinguished.

All: *God of grace and glory, we let the noise of the world drown out your invitation to know your grace and goodness. We spend our money and our time on things that do not satisfy us, and we forget to share our blessings with others. Hear our prayer and have mercy.*


KYRIE

Congregation

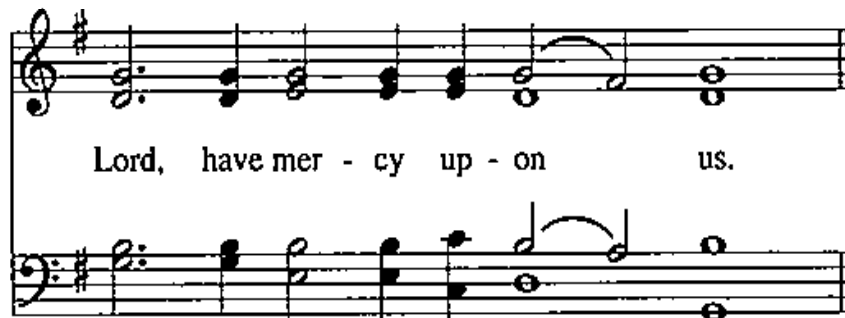
Choir
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Christ, have mercy upon us.



Lord, have mercy upon us.



All: *Faithful God, let your steadfast love guide us to places of renewal and refreshment during this worship service and the remaining days of Lent. In gratitude we pray. Amen.*

SUNG CALL TO THE WORD

“Hosea” *(the choir)*

by Gregory Norbert

You shall sleep secure with peace;

Faithfulness will be your joy.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 55:1-9 (*O.T. p.685*)

A COMMUNION MEDITATION FOR ALL AGES

“Come and Eat!”

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

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

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Heart Ever Faithful”

by J.S. Bach,

arr by Sharon Elery Rogers

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

New Century Hymnal #332

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: *Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.*

People: **May it be for all the Bread of Life!**

Leader: *Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.*

People: **May it be for all the Cup of Blessing!**

Leader: *Bless us, too, that by our eating and drinking, we may have love for each other and become a blessing to the world. We wait in joyful hope for the day when all God's children will eat and drink in freedom and fullness!*

People: **We pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

Leader: *He teaches us to say –*

THE LORD'S 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of the heaven-ly host;

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of our God,

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!', 'Bless-ed the one who comes in the name of our God,', and 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All are welcome to share in the bread and cup, which are served separately.

Please wait until all have received and then partake together as one body of Christ.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“As Streams In the Desert” by Vince Ambrosetti

Arlene Painter, soloist

“Living Water of Life” by David Lantz III

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, solo flute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our hearts and unites us with you. Let the grace we know here be our strength as we continue to journey through the Lenten season. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose footsteps we follow. Amen.

* HYMN

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

New Century Hymnal 76

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Prayer Song”

by Paul Taylor

(*Let us rise in body and spirit.)

GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY

Inreach

USHERS

Eric, Michele, Eric and Nick Jokl
Cindy Clark, Jim Stevens, Wendy Ware

DEACONS

Deb Copes, Julie Dostie, Gail Tine, Gail Hall, Sue VanNess
Stephanie Heneghan, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Lois Griswold

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Dorothy and Ron Young
by Jan LaCava and family.

Last week the flowers were given in loving memory of Melissa Grace Hoffman and
Ben Hoge by Marsha and Bill Hoffman and family.

The tower is lit this week in loving memory of Austin and Marie Grady by Colleen
Schultz.



NEXT WEEK MARCH 14, 2010

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: “Family Business” The Rev. Barbara J. Libby

Easter Memorial Flowers

Please contact Joan Diaz (613-2889) or complete this form if you wish to order an
Easter Lily, Tulip, Hyacinth, or Daffodil, which is placed at the pulpit on Easter
Sunday, April 4. Checks (\$10 per plant) should be made payable to: Joan Diaz and
mailed to her at 15 Thistle Down, Cromwell CT 06416. The deadline for ordering
is Monday, March 29, 2010.

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Phone # _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ WILL PICK UP _____

- Lily
- Tulip
- Hyacinth
- Daffodil





Sunday Soup and Stories at RHCC,UCC

11:30 – 12:45pm in Chapin Hall

A simple meal followed by
a program for adults and children.

Please sign up in Chapin Hall or email:

office@rhccucc.org or call 860 529-4167.

SUNDAY, March 7 – What do we believe? What matters to us?

Come join in a discussion about what's important and how our denomination, the United Church of Christ, supports us and offers us faith stories... Lunch by Board of Trustees



SUNDAY, March 21 – The Art of Extravagant Love

John's gospel records Mary of Bethany anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. This extravagant act of love has been imaged in many ways throughout the centuries. Come to explore these images and see how we might be invited to give extravagantly. Lunch by Board of Deacons



The country of Chile experienced an earthquake on February 28, and the national office of the UCC has sent funds to our partners serving in Chile, including funds from previous collections of One Great Hour of Sharing. This year's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be held next Sunday, March 14, and while this year's funds won't go directly to Chile, they will go for other disasters, and you are invited to give as generously as you can. The Board for Missions voted to send \$1500 for relief efforts in Chile, and invites church members who would like to make additional contributions to do so by sending in a check to RHCC, with "Chile" marked on the notation. As was done for Haiti relief efforts, the Board will match funds donated by church members.



Helping Connecticut's Children in Need.

During today's service, you will hear about a new relationship that the church is forming with Covenant to Care and their Adopt-A-Social Worker program. You will receive an "egg" which contains a list of several possible items to donate; as you are able, you are invited to bring an item to church on either March 14 or 21, when they will be presented during worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Kelly, church liaison with Covenant to Care at 203-640-2386 or me.kelly@snet.net.

Annual Budget and Election Meeting Next Week!

Sunday, March 14th – Please remember to bring the Budget and Election insert from your Churchmouse next week.

The office will be open next week, with limited coverage, from 9:00-noon.
Carol will be on vacation.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received Sunday, March 14th

A correction from the Mouse: Auditions for the Children and Youth Talent Show are Saturday, March 13 from 10 to noon in Chapin Hall.

Saturday, March 20th at 6:00pm / Do you have a talent to share?
Singers, Poets, Musicians, Comedians, Dancers Ages 1-18

Please join us for a Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie –Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Chapin Hall. “The Dish” – a comedy starring Sam Neill. Bring a dish to share.

LOOKING FOR DISPLAY CASE ITEMS – We’d like to highlight the gifts and accomplishments of our children and youth in the display case across from the office. We invite each child and youth to bring in a recognition of accomplishment such as a trophy, a certificate, a medal, a handmade craft, a special school project, a letter of congratulations or college acceptance. PLEASE BRING ONLY ONE ITEM ☺ and mark your name on it. We’ll collect items in the office until March 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Donna or Meghan.

Lenten Book Study – Wednesdays, 10-11:30a.m. Fiorilli Room –For this week’s discussion get hold of **This I Believe** edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman (Holt Publishing) and read the essays by: Gloria Steinem – p. 228, Wallace Stegner – p. 224, Eleanor Roosevelt - p. 201, Colin Powell - p. 184

“Bad” Girls of the Bible – A Bible Study for Women – Monday, March 15 / 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Fiorilli Room – We will study and explore Jezebel as a woman of questionable virtue who was prominent in the life of the prophet Elijah. Read in advance, if you’d like, the following texts: 1 Kings 16:29-34; 18:1-20, 38-40; 19:1-3; 21:1-25; 22:51-53. 2 Kings 9:1-13, 21-37. Copies of all the Scriptures together are available on the table outside the office. Thursday, April 15 will focus on the Syrophenician/Canaanite woman who challenges Jesus for the sake of her daughter. Read in advance, if you’d like, the following text: Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30.

Child-care needed – Two adults (18 and older) are needed for child-care for the following dates: March 21st, April 4th, 11th, 18th, May 2nd, 16th. If interested please sign up in the child-care room or contact Elaine Somes, 860-563-4099. Thank you in advance

THIS WEEK AT RHCC
MARCH 7, SUNDAY

11:45am **Lenten Program/Lunch** Chapin Hall

MARCH 8, MONDAY

5:30pm Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
7:00pm **RHCCNS** Fiorilli Room
7:00pm Women's AA Room 23
7:30pm **Bell Choir** Loft

MARCH 9, TUESDAY

7:00pm **Council** Fiorilli Room

MARCH 10, WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Quilters** Room 6
10:00am **Book Study** Fiorilli Room
12:30pm **Bible Study** Fiorilli Room
6:00pm Yoga with Pam Chapin Hall
7:30pm **Choir Rehearsal** Choir Loft

MARCH 11, THURSDAY

9:30am Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
5:30pm TOPS Chapin Hall
7:00pm **Fair Committee Mtg** Fiorilli Room
8:00pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

MARCH 13, SATURDAY

8:30am Yoga with Lynn Chapin Hall
10:00am **Talent Show Auditions** Chapin Hall
6:30pm **Dinner and a Movie** Chapin Hall



- 7 Deborah Durgin
Margaret Vassilopoulos
- 8 Dot Hunter
Joan Dean
Kevin Sudell
- 9 Colleen Schultz
Jason Hall
- 11 Cheryl Robbins
Chase Corvo
- 12 Tim Dostie
Todd Doten
Suzanne Speers
Ryan Walker
Isabella St Pierre
- 13 Dick Somes
Jackie Little

CALL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND ELECTIONS MEETING

The annual Budget and Elections Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, March 14, 2010 immediately following worship in Chapin Hall for the transaction of the following items of business:

1. to vote on the proposed local budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year;
2. to vote on the proposed benevolence budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and to approve all special offerings for Missions and Diaconate;
3. to elect church officers and board and committee members for terms beginning May 1, 2010;
4. to approve the recommendation of the Fair Committee for expenditure of the proceeds from the 2009 events;
5. to vote on the distribution of the loose collections for the 2010-2011 fiscal year;
6. to conduct any other business brought before the congregation.

Marsha Hoffman, Church Clerk



The Nominating Committee is seeking your gift of time and talent to help build a stronger church community... Perhaps you are interested in serving on one of the following Boards or Committees. If so, please see us in Chapin Hall after church today for more information.

- **Delegate to the Connecticut UCC Annual Meeting** - represent RHCC at the Annual Meeting (May 8th in Madison; October 22 and 23 in Middletown)
- **Board for Missions** - Work to identify mission opportunities for RHCC and implement those programs; oversee Missions budget
- **Board of Trustees** - Oversee care and repair of the physical plant; oversee budget and investments. (Some daytime availability and/or computer skills helpful)
- **Board of Christian Education** - Board works with CE Director to provide educational opportunities for the congregation.
- **Inreach Committee** - Develops and co-ordinates fellowship activities; i.e. coffee hour, greeting, varied social activities
- **Nominating Committee** - Identify members willing to offer service on Boards and Committees
- **Head Usher** - Secure and organize ushers for one month (June or October)

We look forward to an opportunity to speak with you about these positions.

The Nominating Committee: Hilaire Leavitt, Bruce Gengenbach, Linda Calcagni, Candy Smith, Gail Tine, Jan LaCava



COME JOIN US
Children and Youth



When: Saturday March 20th

Where: Rocky Hill Congregational Church Sanctuary

Time: 6 p.m.

***TICKETS ON SALE SUNDAY MARCH 7TH & 14TH*
\$7.00 / (Children 12 & Under Free)**

Following Worship in Chapin Hall

**** Also available in the church office Monday – Friday****

*****In support of the Rocky Hill Food Pantry*****

We will be collecting

Non-perishable food items at the door

Thank you in advance!

Sponsored by the C.E. Board

Inspired by the Youth

Questions: Please contact Elaine Somes 860-563-4099