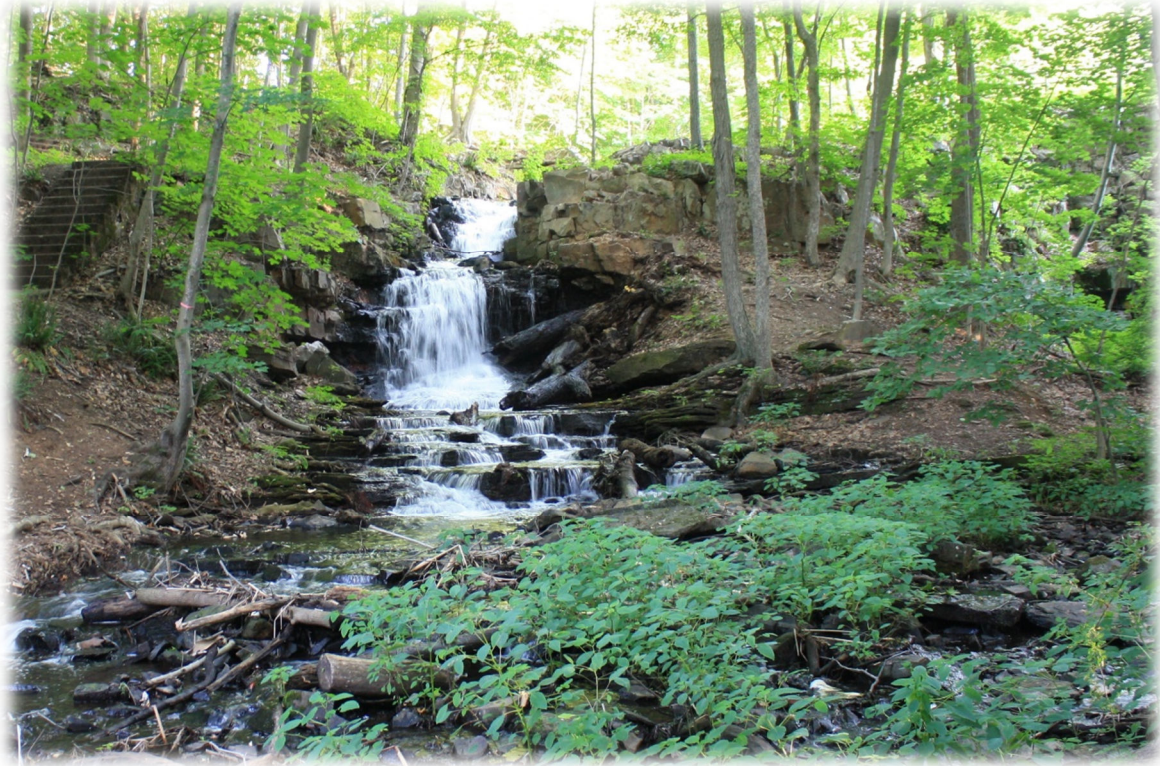


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



March 19, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

~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

“Siciliano”

J.S. Bach

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Collins

Leader: We are thirsty, God.

All: Our souls thirst for you.

Leader: We come seeking the Living Water that your Son promises.

All: We come to be drink from your well.

Water us with your Spirit.

Replenish us with your grace.

Let us feel renewed in our faith

and our desire to do your will.

*HYMN

“Like a Tree Beside the Waters”

NC (black) 313

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(adapted from Psalm 104)

Creator God, You make the springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills. They give drink to every wild animal, to quench their thirst. By the streams, the birds of the air build nests and sing their songs. From the heavens, you water the mountains and satisfy the earth. You give life. In this time of worship may your words, our prayers and our hymns bring us closer to you. But, God, let us always thirst for you. We pray this as we pray all things in the words that Jesus gave us,

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

NCH 769

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

“I Hunger and Thirst”

Traditional Shaker song, arr. Siegfried

The Choir with Jillian Maynard, mezzo-soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4: 5-42

NT Pew Bible p240

SERMON

“Living Water”

Lisa Eleck, Member in Discernment

*HYMN

“Joys Are Flowing like a River”

NC (black) 284

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to 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

“Offertoire”

Charles Alexis Chauvet

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
1 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 "I Need You Every Hour" (verse 1) NCH 517

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

NC (black) 283

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy Fletcher

LITURGIST

Bill Collins

USHERS

Julia O’Connor and Bob Carberry, Marge Murk, Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Ruth Jensen

*This week’s Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of William Holmes
by Joan Tennyson*

*Join us today at 11:15am for a Second Hour talk on the
Medieval background to the Reformation given by Rev. Craig.*



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 26

Worship, Childcare, Church School

Budget & Elections

Coffee Hour

MS Youth Group, Confirmation Class



One Great Hour of Sharing is a special Missions offering of the United Church of Christ. It will be collected on Sunday, March 26th. It is involved with disaster relief with response and recovery, refugee/immigration and development ministries throughout the world; including healthcare, agriculture and food sustainability.

LENTEN PROGRAMS AT RHCC UCC
SECOND HOUR PROGRAMS
SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES



For Lent we will have several opportunities to learn about our faith. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Pastor Craig will do a series of second hour presentations on different aspects of the Reformation. These programs will be held after worship, beginning at 11:15 a.m, and will take place in Chapin Hall or the Parlor.

Today, March 19, we will look at the *Medieval background to the Reformation* and what led up to it, and on Sunday, April 2 we will look at the Lutheran and Anabaptist Reformations. Later programs in the Fall will be on the Anglican Reformation and the Roman Catholic Church's response, and the Reformed movement and Puritanism.

On Wednesday March 29 at 7 PM we will have a *communion worship service* based upon the second century (100's AD) as reconstructed from surviving writings. Both services will be held in the Weil Chapel. We hope that you will find these activities interesting and enlightening!

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 26, 2017 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the transaction of the following items of business:

1. To vote on the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year;
2. To approve the special offerings for Missions and Diaconate.
3. To vote on the distribution of any undesignated bequests for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
4. To elect church officers and board and committee members for terms beginning May 1, 2017.
5. To hear the report of Governance sub-committee for overview of current status.
6. To approve recommendation of the Special Events Committee for the expenditure from 2016 events.

Submitted by: Linda Tokarski, Church Clerk

Copies of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year are available in the narthex, in the hallway across from the office, and in Chapin Hall.





REMEMBER OR HONOR LOVED ONES WITH EASTER FLOWERS



The flowers will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Easter Sunday, April 16

The three choices this year will be:
Easter Lily in 6 1/2 inch pots with 6+ buds (\$11.00)
Hyacinth 6 inch with 3 bulbs (\$8.50)
Tulip 6 inch full pots with limited color options (\$8.50)

The Deadline for orders is Palm Sunday, April 9

Please fill out the information below

Given by: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Dedication ("in loving memory of...", "in honor of...", etc.):

	<u>Number ordered</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Lily @ \$11.00 each	_____ x \$11.00 =	_____
Hyacinth @ \$8.50 each	_____ x \$8.50 =	_____
Tulip @ \$8.50 each	_____ x \$8.50 =	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please select:

- I will pick up my plant after worship on Easter Sunday, April 16.
- The flowers may remain in church to decorate the sanctuary

Make your checks payable to:

Rocky Hill Congregational Church with "Easter flowers" in memo line and mail to:
Kim Burghoff, 204 Gray Fox Lane, Rocky Hill CT 06067.
You may call Kim with questions at 860 563-3287.

Hofstra Chamber Choir Concert - Saturday, March 25 at 4 p.m.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!



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.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

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. If you can host, please contact Ruth Fitzgerald at rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com
Or Lynne Lataille at Lynnelataille@sbcglobal.com

Dear Members: We are in dire need of more host homes. Please be generous in opening your home to the Hofstra students who will be providing us with a wonderful concert on March 25. Here are the pertinent details if you are interested in hosting::

- The concert is at 4 p.m. After the reception for all attendees in Chapin Hall; we will feed the students. Host families will take the kids home after they eat.
- You will return the kids to the church by 8:45am the next morning, as they have to move on to their next "gig". You will need to give them breakfast if they are interested. In our experience, most of them don't eat much breakfast.
- They must be assigned to homes in groups of two or more.
- They CAN share beds, so please specify your bed size so they can assign kids to beds/homes.
- Please also specify pets—some have allergies, but not all!! We have a list of students with allergies.
- If you have a space but no bed, please let us know. We have several air mattresses you could borrow.

Thanks!! Ruth Fitzgerald

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 March 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

March 19

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:00am **Church School**

11:00am **2nd Hour Medieval Reformation**

4:45pm HS Youth Group

4:00pm Tamil School

March 20

7:00pm Bonsai Group

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

March 21

10:00am Retired Clergy

6:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:00pm **LSP Board**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

March 22

6:00pm Pilates

7:30pm **Choir**

March 23

7:30pm Events Committee

7:30pm Men's AA

March 24

Chapin Hall set up

March 25

2:45pm Chamber Choir Rehearsal

4:00pm **Hofstra Chamber Choir**

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. Don't miss this moving concert!

Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Rms 24,25,26

Rms 22,23,25,26,27

Monday

Chapin Hall

Fiorilli

Sanctuary

Tuesday

Parlor

Chapin Hall

Fiorilli

Room 23

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

Sanctuary

Thursday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday

Fir, Parlor, Rms 21 & 22

Sanctuary & Chapin Hall



20	Susan VanNess
20	Elaine Somes
20	Charlotte Reed-Swale
21	Ryan Bengston
22	Gladys Carpenter
23	Marilyn Van Doran
24	Bea Donahue
24	Sarah Mosure



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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

Ministers: All the members of the church

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