

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



March 24, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

MINISTRY MOMENT

Welcoming Ministry Team

PRELUDE

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Katie Hoffman-Fullda, flute; Gail Hall, clarinet; Dave Hall, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Candy Smith

L: Come into the sanctuary and look around.

Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed and desperately hanging on.

All: Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

L: We believe God's steadfast love is better than life,
so let our lips praise God as long as we live.

All: We also often doubt God's love.

We often doubt that God will really provide when it matters.

L: But this is what matters today:

God said, “Come all who are thirsty, come to the water,
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat.”

All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed
and desperately hanging on.

All: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us worship God!

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

O God, we are used to being judged by standards we cannot live up to – good looks and perfect families and money for whatever we want. We know these are false values, but we also want to fit in. Let our hearts be changed in our hour of worship. Teach us, inspire us, convict us that your ways are better than our ways and your thoughts are more useful than our thoughts. By the example of Christ’s life we pray 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**

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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



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

“God Be In My Head”

David Fawcett

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Pew Bible OT p685

SERMON

“True Prosperity”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they 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

“Amazing Grace Medley”

Katie, Gail and Dave

*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

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome! We are glad you came to visit. If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.



***HYMN**

“Praise to the Living God”

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BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Andante Pastorale”

O. Ravello

LITURGIST

Candy Smith

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Jarod Taylor and Sarah DeGiovanni

HOSPITALITY

Sue VanNess, Ruth Jensen

Today's Altar Flowers are given in
Celebration of Charlotte Amidon Reed-Swale,
who turned 9 years old on March 20!

Happy
Birthday

**CALL TO THE ANNUAL
BUDGET AND ELECTIONS MEETING**
Sunday, March 24, 2019


meeting

The annual Budget and Elections Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is called for Sunday, March 24, immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the transaction of the following items of business:

- 1) Presentation and approval of the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- 2) To hear and act upon Time, Talent, Treasure Ministry recommendations for coming year beginning May 1, 2019.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the church Constitution are available for pickup in the narthex, the parish house hallway, and in Chapin Hall . These amendments, which require 90 days of public notice prior to adoption, will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 16, 2019.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, from 5:30-7pm, the Board for Faith Formation will be hosting an intergenerational Shoe Party to transform our old jeans into life-enhancing shoes for children in Uganda.



TODAY – ALL ARE WELCOME – 6:00PM IN CHAPIN HALL

We are sponsoring a Lenten Social Justice series of talks. *Join us at 6:15pm for a ‘Simple Soup Supper’ prior to the talk, and coffee and desert will be served after.*

Sunday, March 24: Food Insecurity: Melissa Hicks

Melissa Hicks is the Director of the Department of Human Services for the Town of Rocky Hill, CT. She will talk on the issue of food insecurity locally and globally.

Sunday, March 31: Women in Incarceration in Connecticut

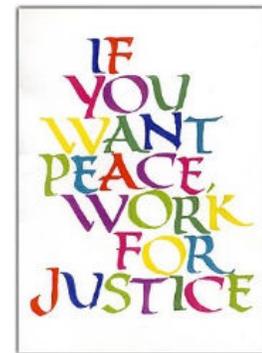
Lia Coppolecchia, a volunteer with A Sacred Space, an organization in New London which works with women who have been in incarceration, to help them rebuild their lives and discover their potential.



SEEK THE
LORD
WHILE HE
MAY BE
FOUND.

Third Sunday in Lent

24 1 Kings 8:41-53
25 1 Kings 8:54-66
26 Job 23:1-17
27 Job 27:1-11
28 Job 40:1-24
29 Job 41:1-34
30 Job 42:1-17



The One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten offering of the UCC. It will be collected on **Sunday March 31, 2019**. It responds to disasters, ministers to refugees and helps to build sustainable communities in over 80 countries. In cooperation with others such as Global Ministries and Church World Service it is a network of sharing and caring. One Great Hour of Sharing is but one concrete way we can show that we can reach out beyond what we can see and help brothers and sisters in need worldwide.

Walk Against Hunger: Saturday April 27, 2019

Join Our Walk Team! Outreach & Witness Ministry Team

invites you to Join our team! Battling hunger is a team effort. In Hartford and Tolland counties more than 120,000 people worry about having enough food for their families. The Foodshare Walk Against Hunger is the largest anti-hunger event of its kind in Connecticut. The Walk itself is less than 2 miles long, making it fun for people of all ages. It begins and ends with music, children’s activities, informational booths, and so much more. It takes place on Saturday, April 27th at 10 AM at Dunkin’ Donuts Park in Hartford. We’ll meet at the church at 8 AM for a continental breakfast, and then carpool to the walk. Sign-up forms will be available starting next week. You can also support our team with a donation to Foodshare by searching for our team, "Rocky Hill Congregational Church" on the Foodshare website. See Heather Collins or Elaine Sellenberg with questions.



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, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on March 31 (with delivery on April 7). E-cards may be ordered anytime. 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. 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 24

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Budget & Elections Mtg
11:15am Coffee Hour
7:00pm Social Justice Series

Sunday

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

March 25

9:30am **NEWSLETTER MAILING**
7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm Bell Choir

Monday

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Choir Loft

March 26

Tuesday

March 27

7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Choir Room

March 28

9:30am Music Together
10:30am Retired Clergy
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 6
Parlor
Chapin Hall

March 29

9:00am LSP/Music Together

Friday

Rm 6

March 30

Saturday



24	Bea Donahue
24	Sarah Mosure
26	Todd Pender
27	Richard Sweezy, Jr
28	Gail Fu
28	Nicole Graham
29	Kim Burghoff
30	Jayson Veley
31	Mark Walworth
31	Pat Hughes-Walworth



Send your email address to:
OFFICE@RHCCUCC.ORG
to sign up!



Remember or honor loved ones with Easter Flowers. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary for worship on Easter Sunday, April 21. Flowers will include: Easter Lily, Hyacinth, or Tulips. Order forms are available in Chapin Hall, the narthex. Orders will be due by April 14th. 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.

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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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