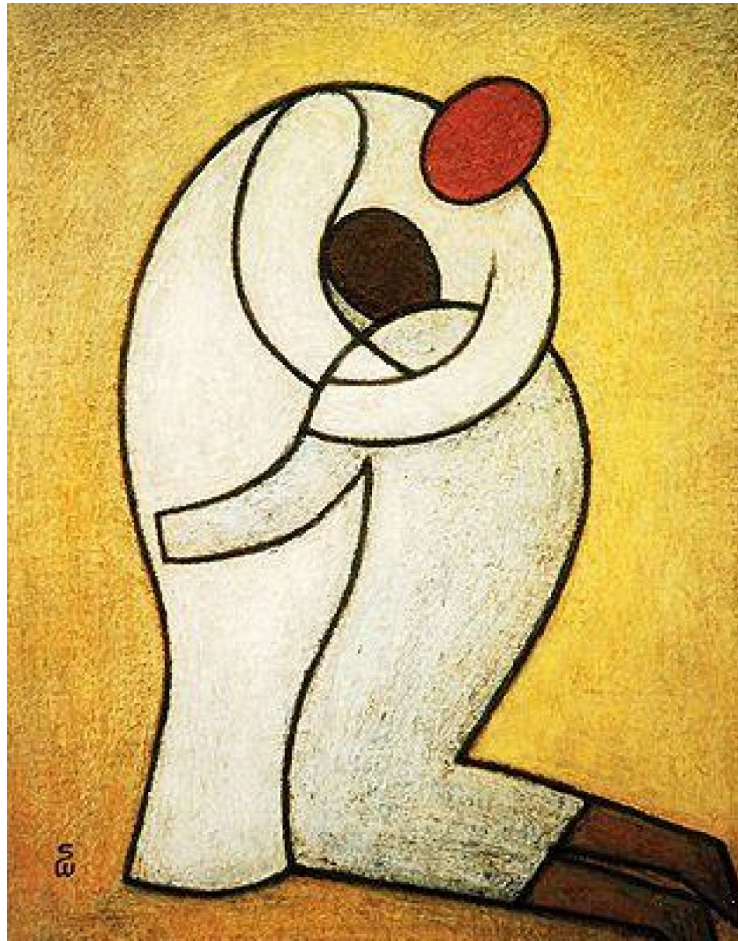


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



March 31, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourth 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.*

INTROIT

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jarod Taylor

Leader: Be glad in our GOD and rejoice, O righteous ones.
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Therefore, we worship our God, and rejoice.

Leader: In Christ, we become as a new creation.
Everything old has passed away.
See how God makes things new.

All: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose lives become new. Through our worship, we praise God who makes us new.

*HYMN

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

PH 34

**please rise in body or in spirit*

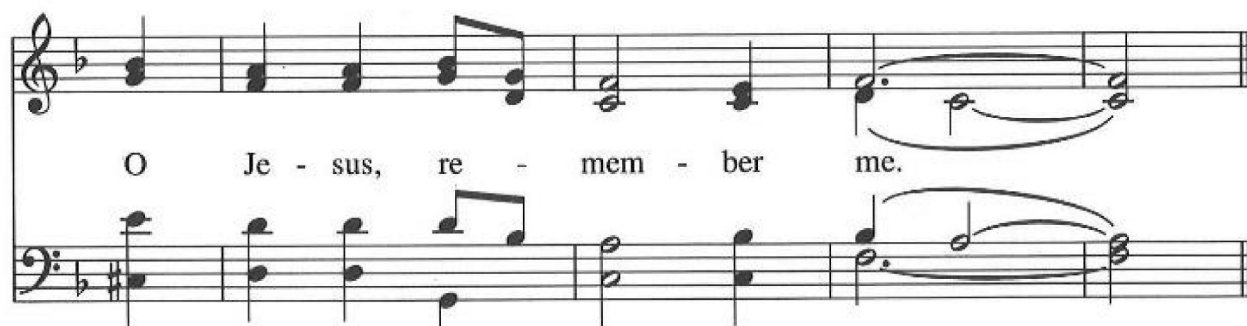
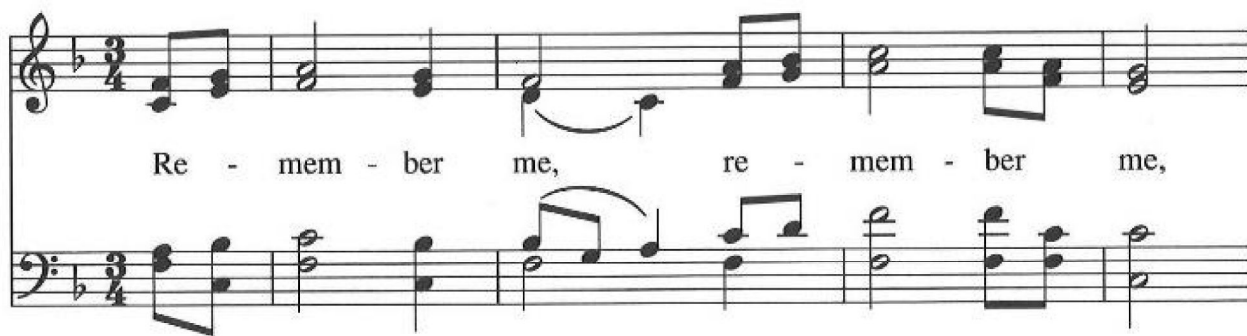
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*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, with gladness and expectation, we gather in this space today. For you are the one who makes all things new.
You are the one who satisfies our hunger and restores our soul.
In this holy space, help us, your daughters and sons,
to know that you always love us. Through our worship today,
help us to know that if we stray away from you,
you are always ready to receive us with open arms.
Prepare our hearts as we worship you
to welcome and embrace all of your children as you do us.
With gladness and expectation 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 773



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

“I Walk a Stranger on this Land”

Dale Wood

The Choir with Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute;
Jared Maynard, guitar

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible NT p78

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“My Life Flows On”

N476

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

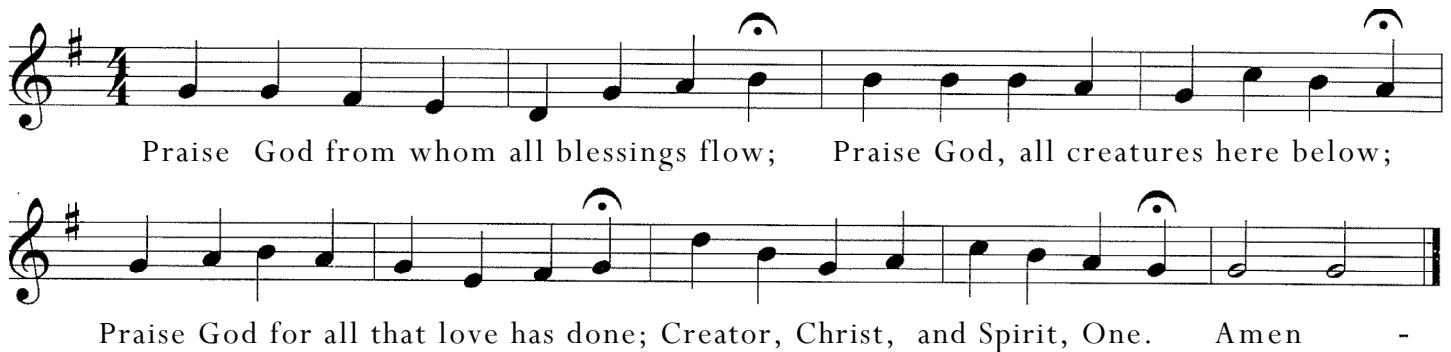
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory

“Andante Pastoral”

O. Ravanello

*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

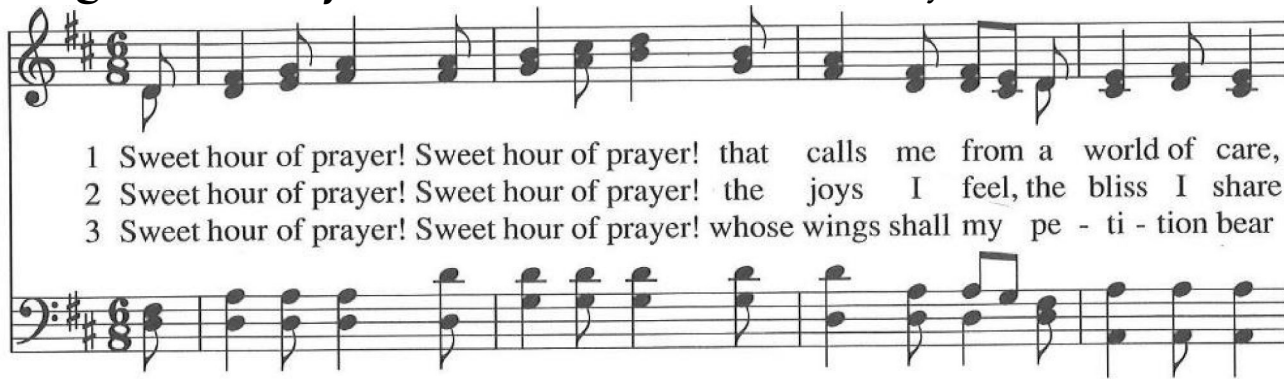
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

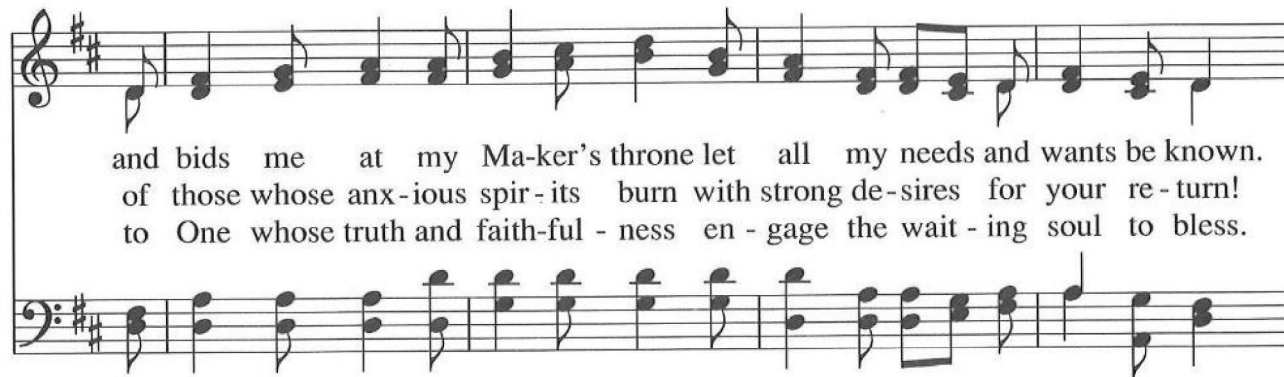
Sung Call to Prayer

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" verse 1

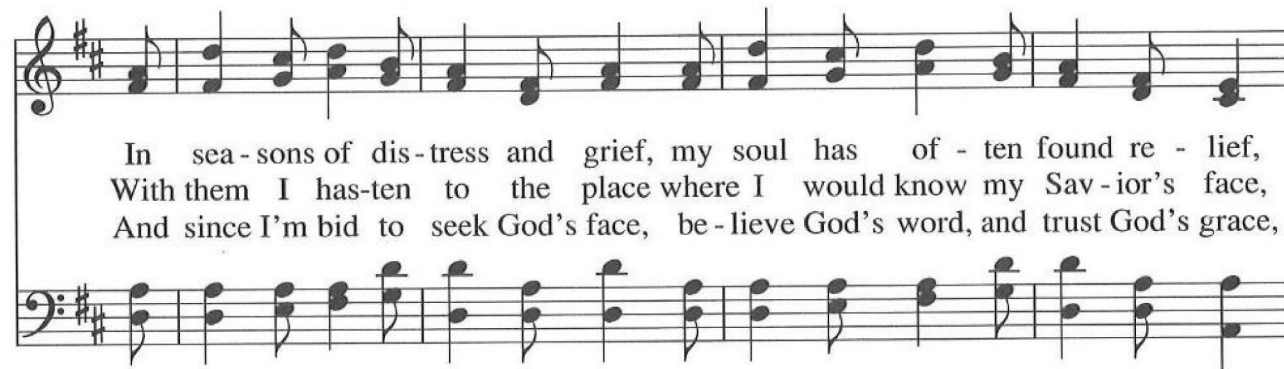
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

NCH 43

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Go Out with Praise”

Gilbert Martin

LITURGIST

Jarod Taylor

USHERS

Marge Murk, Chris Sheehan and Sue Chatfield

HOSPITALITY

Anita Hawkins



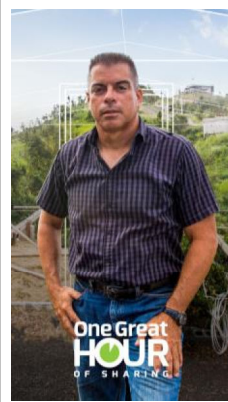
Today's Altar Flowers have been given in loving memory of

Doris McNally

By Lisa, Jackson & Maya McNally

*The Tower also is lighted this week in loving memory of **Doris McNally***

By Lisa, Jackson & Maya McNally



TODAY

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.

Sunday, March 31: Women in Incarceration in Connecticut – TODAY AT 6PM

Join us for our Lenten Social Justice series of talks on social justice issues in Connecticut. Each talk will be on a Sunday evening at 7 PM in the church's fellowship hall, Chapin Hall. A simple supper will start at 6pm. Lia Coppolecchia, a volunteer with A Sacred Place, an organization in New London which works with women who have been in incarceration, to help them rebuild their lives and discover their potential. The mission of A Sacred Place is to foster a deeper understanding of spirituality among incarcerated women in Connecticut in order to help them lead responsible, spiritually enriched lives that are drug-free and crime-free.

Weekly Bible Readings – April “Sustained by God’s Word of Hope”

March 31 – Jeremiah 42:1-22

April 1 – John 11:10-27

April 2 – John 11:28-57

April 3 – Luke 14:1-14

April 4 – Luke 14:15-35

April 5 – Luke 15:1-10

April 6 – Luke 15:11-32

Finding
Hope
in God's Word

Want to Make a Difference? Move Your Feet. Join us for a Sole Hope shoe party! **Sunday, April 14, 5:30pm-7:00pm.** Sponsored by the Board for Faith Formation. We will start with a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread, along with a traditional Ugandan bean dish. We will then use patterns provided by Sole Hope to cut out pieces from our old jeans that will be turned into shoes by Sole Hope shoemakers in Uganda. **What to bring: One or two pairs of old jeans—adult sized, regular denim is recommended.** Denim with stretch is not recommended. If children want to donate their jeans, we will find a use for them. Further info can be found at www.solehope.org.



SAY CHEESE! Our new Welcoming Ministry Team will be creating a new photo directory of our church family. That way we may get to know each other a little better every time we look up a phone number. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. Rather than have a photographer come in and scheduling photo appointments, we will use photos YOU provide. So pick your favorite individual or family photo (casual is ok!), then email it to the office at: office@rhccucc.org. Let's get this moving!

Walk Against Hunger: Saturday April 27

Join Our Walk Team! Outreach and Worship Ministry 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.

✚ To sign-up, use the forms available on our website (RockyHillucc.org) in the office or Chapin hall, and return them to Heather Collins or Elaine Sellenberg.

✚ You can also support our team with a donation to Foodshare by searching for our team, "Rocky Hill Congregational Church" on the Foodshare website.

✚ Together we can fight hunger in Connecticut!



REMEMBER OR HONOR LOVED ONES WITH EASTER FLOWERS



The flowers will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Easter Sunday, April 21

The three choices this year will be:
Easter Lily 6-inch pots with 6+ buds (\$10)
Hyacinth 6-inch with 3 bulbs (\$7)
Tulip 6-inch full pots (\$7)

The Deadline for orders is April 14

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	_____ x \$10 =	_____
Hyacinth	_____ x \$7 =	_____
Tulip	_____ x \$7 =	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please select:

- ☐ I will pick up my plant after worship on Sunday, April 21.
☐ 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.

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

Today (March 31) 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, April 7. After today, the next order will be placed on April 28 (with delivery on May 5). 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 31

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
7:00pm Social Justice Series

Sunday

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

April 1

7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm Bell Choir

Monday

Fiorilli
Choir Loft

April 2

6pm Ferry Landing
7pm Ministry Teams

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli/Parlor

April 3

7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Choir Room

April 4

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

Thursday

Room 6
Chapin Hall

April 5

9:00am LSP/Music Together

Friday

Rm 6



13	Mark Walworth
31	Pat Hughes-Walworth
1	Dick Webster
1	Donna Gagnon
1	Lynn Macri
2	Gregson Curtin
4	Bobbie Hawkins
4	Marsha Hoffman
4	Sherry Silkowski

RH schools and
Little Scholars Preschool
closed for Spring vacation
April 8-12



Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Praying with religious Icons program at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Pastor Craig will lead a workshop on contemplative prayer using icons. This a good way to learn about an ancient form of prayer still practiced today in many parts of the Christian Church. The workshop will start at 7 PM and will meet in Chapin Hall. Everyone is invited!



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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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