

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



EASTER SUNDAY
April 1, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

~ WORSHIP FOR EASTER DAY ~

*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 downstairs 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.*

PRELUDE

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”
The Bell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don Pagnucco

L: Sisters and brothers, you have heard the good news.
Brothers and sisters, you hold firmly to this faith.

All: Christ appeared to the disciples.

L: Sisters and brothers, it has already been proclaimed.
Brothers and sisters, you have already received this promise.

All: Christ appears to us.

L: Sisters and brothers, this is the hardest claim in our faith.
Brothers and sisters, the good news is not ancient history.

All: Christ will appear again.

L: Sisters and brothers, this is the mystery that we share.
Brothers and sisters, this is the good news that we proclaim.

All: Christ appears to us now.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

We have waited through the night.

We have wondered what good can come from tragedy.

O Christ, come. Come to us again.

Appear in our hearts.

Appear in our hands.

Appear to us now.

Remind us again

of the faith we proclaim, that Christ has risen.

We pray this in Jesus’ name, who 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**

“Alleluia” verse 1

(NCH765)

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a '1' indicating the start of the first system.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Georgette Huie

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

NT(Pew Bible) p54-55

SERMON

“Afraid”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

NCH 237

OFFERING OF GIFTS

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

“Gloria”

Antonio Vivaldi

The Choir

*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 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” verse 1 (PH418)

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee In clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret, help me
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith sweet and
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly thou canst

bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
give, With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

O God, no matter what the young man dressed in a white robe might say, we are alarmed!

We are alarmed that you would choose to appear to us.

We can understand that you might appear to disciples – those that went with Jesus to do good and heal the oppressed.

It is hard for us to imagine that you truly show no partiality.

Surely, there are more talented people, more prayerful people, more intelligent people, more faithful people than we are.

But today, O God, we remember that you come to us all.

You come to the strong and the ill, the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble.

You appear.

You come again to remind us what we have forgotten.

Forgive us, O God, for our alarm.

Forgive us, O God, for not believing in ourselves.

Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your love. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance

L: God appeared long ago to the faithful.

God appears now to doubters.

God will appear to seekers.

**All: God appeared and is appearing
because God shows no partiality
because God so loves this world
and God loves each person. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership. This morning, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words “The bread of life” and “The cup of blessing.” If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.

Invitation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God, we thank you for this meal that has refreshed our spirits and reminded us of Jesus’ constant presence with us. Help us to nourish the spirits of those around us with your kindness and grace as we leave this place. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God’s peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

During the passing of the peace, those who would like to join the choir for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to go to the balcony, where copies of the music will be provided.

***HYMN**

“The Day of Resurrection”

NCH 245

***THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

G. F. Handel

The Choir and Congregation



BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in F”

Dietrich Buxtehude

LITURGIST

Don Pagnucco

USHERS

Toryn Pulling, Max Kainamura, Molly Morgan, Ben Rolfe, Will Rolfe

COMMUNION SERVERS

Rob Grandell, Judy Graham, Wendy Ware
Stephanie Heneghan, Deb Copes, Elaine Somes

HOSPITALITY

InReach

INSTRUMENTAL QUARTET

Dave Hall, trumpet, Gail Hall, clarinet
Ruth Fitzgerald, baritone horn, Greg Murphy, tuba



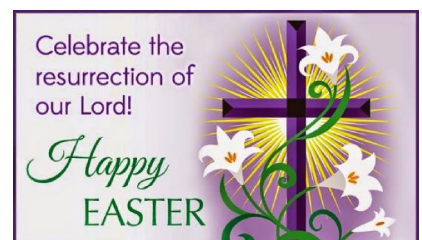
*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Mary Francis Midkiff
by Gail & Natalie Tine*

EASTER OFFERING

The Board for Missions has designated this year's Easter offering to support local veterans served by The Connecticut State Veterans' Home in Rocky Hill. The Veterans' Home provides 24-hour nursing care, as well as resident care for those who served in the Armed Forces: shelter, food, and services. We have been in touch with the Home, and through their work with the Veterans Council, we know that some of residents are in need of washer/dryer combos and other items and supplies.

Please help us with this special collection for our veterans...for our neighbors. And, join us as we celebrate the love of God, and God's call to ministry for each of us this Easter. Together, we can be God's miraculous Easter People, each day and all year long.

Bob Inderbitzen
co-chair, Board for Missions
Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS



In Loving Memory Of

Given by

Ed & Charlotte Bacon
Our Grandparents Ed and Holli Bacon

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King Burghoff
Nana & Papa McIlroy

Kim Burghoff & Family
Kim Burghoff & Family

Warren Carpenter

Gladys Carpenter

Domenic and Mildred Yacobucci
Angie Toce
Pat Howland

Deb Copes
Deb Copes
Deb Copes

Chester J. Cole
Gene Little

Grace Cole and Jackie Little
Jackie Little and Grace Cole

Our parents:
Jane and Jim Gordon
Veronica and Joe DeGiovanni

Sarah and Jim DeGiovanni
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Paul & Barbara Nelson
Claire Roche

Katie, Tom Fulda & Family
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The Graham Family
The Paholski Family

Judy Graham
Judy Graham

Anahid and Diron Musesian
Jim Griswold

Rob & Doreen Grandell
Lois Griswold

Our Parents
Susan Statkiewicz

David and Bobbie Hawkins
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My Parents, in-laws, family & friends

Cheryl Hummel

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS



In Loving Memory Of

Given by

Dad & Grampa, Donald Thompson, Jr.
Our Fun-Loving Uncle, William Maley

Cindy, Maley & Thompson Hunt
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Jim McNally
Mary Damiata
Doris McNally
Margaret Libera

Lisa Libera
Lisa Libera
Lisa Libera
Lisa Libera

Christine Moser
Michele Van Epps

Carol & Chris Marshall
Carol & Chris Marshall

Manuel & Maria Teixeira

Rich, Mary and Rick
Pawlich-Pagliccio

Jean O'Grady Sheehan

Laurel Cole, Christopher,
Joseph & Mark Sheehan
Christopher Sheehan

Daniel B. Sheehan

Our Parents
Bill & Jean Watson

Harry and Bev Schmidt
Harry and Bev Schmidt

William & Adrienne Cain

Candy & Louis Smith

Pamela Crispinelli

Wendy & Steve Ware

In Honor of

Given by

In honor of my mother, Madeline Millin
on her 98th Birthday today!

Marsha and Bill Hoffman & Family

Beverly & Henry Hudson

Ed and Holli Bacon

Our Parents
Our Grandparents

The Morgan Family
The Morgan Family

WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.



Nursesey Room Open for families with infants and toddlers



Child Care during worship is available in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Supervised by Liz Pulling and another adult.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE Audio recordings and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, **rhccucc.org** (See **WORSHIP BULLETINS**) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD.

Walk Against Hunger: Saturday May 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
At Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford.

Our Board for Missions invites you to Join our team!

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, popsicles, informational booths, and so much more.

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 outside of the church office. You can also support our team with a donation to Foodshare. Contact Bob Inderbitzen, Heather Collins, or Elaine Sellenberg with questions. Contact Thomas Kainamura if you have questions about online fundraising or employer-sponsored matching gift programs. Walk with us!



Our Prayer Shawl ministry at RHCC has been providing pastoral care comfort and warmth of God's love to those who are suffering and support and love to those who are experiencing a special joy in their lives for many years. Just recently, they received a thank you note and donation from someone who was a recipient of a prayer shawl. According to the recipient, this prayer shawl provided the support necessary to help them through a very challenging time in their lives. We are blessed to have this ministry at our church and thank wholeheartedly those kind souls who spend their time knitting shawls for those in need. Thank you Prayer Shawl Ministry – you are indeed a blessing!



APRIL EVENTS AT RHCC } Save the Dates!

April 11 - Breakfast Club at Bob's Coffee Shop in Rocky Hill

April 15 - RHCC Scholarship Application deadline

April 19 - Tibetan Bowls Meditation (Every 3rd Thursday of the month)

April 22 - Foodshare Walk registration deadline (Walk is May 5)

April 22 - Youth Groups' Earth Day Clean Up

April 28 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for Crohn's Disease

April 29 - Taco Fundraiser for Youth Group after Worship

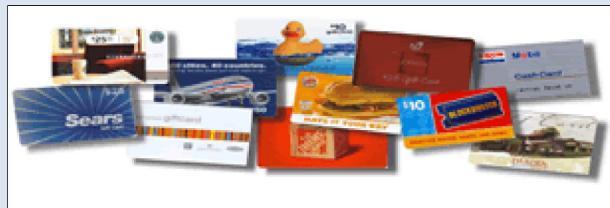


Events and Fair Ministry Team

JOIN IN THE PLANNING! We are also looking for new members to join and for a secretary to take notes during the meetings. We are also inviting all members of the church to feel free to attend our meetings to listen and to share their ideas. Next meeting is Thursday, April 26th, at 7pm in the Fiorilli Room.



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, 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, Walmart

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on April 29.

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

April 1st EASTER Sunday

6:30am **Sunrise Service at Rose Hill Cemetery**

7:15am **Breakfast will follow in Chapin Hall**

10:00am **Easter Worship** Sanctuary

9:30am **Childcare** Room 4

11:00am **Coffee Fellowship** Chapin Hall

April 2 Monday

7:00pm Little League Meeting Chapin Hall

7:00pm Women's AA Fiorilli Room

April 3 Tuesday

7:00pm **Boards & Committees** Fiorilli Room

7:00pm Hearing Voices Room 6

April 4 Wednesday

7:00pm **Choir** Sanctuary

April 5 Thursday

9:30am Music Together Room 23

7:30pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

April 6 Friday

6:00pm Tamil School Rms 22,23,25,26,27

6:00pm Tamil Parents Meeting Chapin Hall



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| 1 | Dick Webster |
| 1 | Maurice Wyman |
| 1 | Donna Gagnon |
| 1 | Lynn Macri |
| 2 | Gregson Curtin |
| 4 | Bobbie Hawkins |
| 4 | Marsha Hoffman |
| 4 | Sherry Silkowski |
| 7 | Judy Frascarelli |
| 7 | Grace Hoffman |

Save the date and your stomachs for the

Taco-in-a-Bag Fundraiser!

to benefit the High School Youth Group mission trip to Pipestem, West Virginia

Sunday, April 29 after worship



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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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