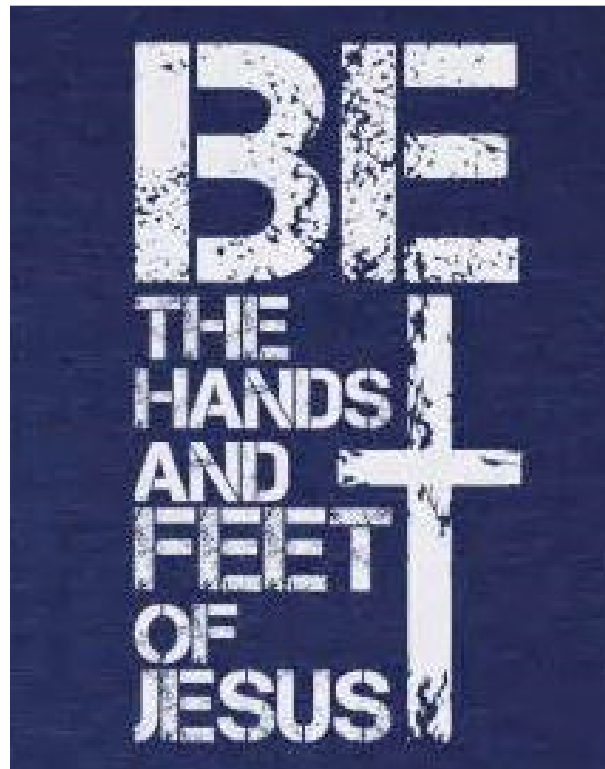


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**April 8, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter**

~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 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

“Crucifixion”

W. Stickles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Copes

L: A new day:
All: **Christ lives!**

L: In our hearts and in our world:
All: **Christ lives!**

L: In the face of an unexpected neighbor:
All: **Christ Lives!**

L: As we share God's abundance:
All: **Christ lives!**

L: As we care for God's creation:
All: **Christ lives!**

L: As we share the good news, let our joy be complete:
All: **Christ lives!**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Holy God,
you made the world and called it good,
you call humanity into community with you and with each other,
you breathe within our world and call us to peace and justice,
make your presence known to us here gathered
that we may recognize you
in the wounds of our sisters and brothers,
and make real for them your hope of abundant life,
through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord,
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!

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

“We Are the Reason”

David Meece

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

NT Pew Bible p

SERMON

“What We Saw”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“I Love To Tell The Story”

NCH 522

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to collect your prayer 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

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

W Stickle

***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

*HYMN

"Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!"

NCH 254

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Christ Arose”

R Lowry/ T Whilhelmi

LITURGIST

Deb Copes

USHERS

Nancy Parsons, Dave Sageman, Steve Smith, Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow and Ruth Jensen

PIANIST

Janet Schneider

Today's Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of
Doris McNally
by Lisa, Jackson and Maya McNally



*The Tower is lit this week in Memory of O. V. Baise & Leo Latham Arnold
by Gail and Natalie Tine*

Smiling Volunteers Wanted to Help Usher

A small ministry team helps invite and schedule volunteers to usher during worship each Sunday morning. Please consider volunteering! Ushers arrive at 9:30 AM to greet and welcome members, friends and guests, to hand-out bulletins, and to providing assistance as needed. Ushering is a good way to meet new people and develop a sense of serving God and our church community. All ages welcome! Please consider ushering during one Sunday each month. Contact Bob Inderbitzen rinderbitzen@cox.net or tel. 860-418-9171. If you already help usher...thank you! You contribute to the spirit of worship, friendliness, and welcome in our church!

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons 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. Join Our Walk Team!

Our Board for Missions invites you to Join our team! Battling hunger is a team effort. In Hartford and Tolland counties more than 127,000 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. It takes place on Saturday, May 5th 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 in Chapin and outside the 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!

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.



RHCC Scholarship Information for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Graduating high school seniors and returning college undergraduates who are seeking a church scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year are invited to complete and return an application prior to April 15, 2018. Scholarship awards will be announced in June. Application forms are available in the office, or send an email to: scholarships@rhccucc.org for the link to the pdf. or refer to members of the Scholarship Committee: Hilaire Leavitt or Randy Pulling.

Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship: This scholarship requires that you be a member of the UCC/Congregational Church. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submitting your application and other documents is May 15th.

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

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.

The next ordering deadline 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 8

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26, 27
Chapin Hall

April 9

RH Public Schools Spring Break

Little Scholars Preschool Closed this week

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

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

April 10

10:00am UCC Interim Pastor Mtg
7:00pm **Council**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli
Room 23

April 11

9:00am **RHCC Breakfast Club**
6:00pm **Governance Mtg**
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop
Fiorilli
Sanctuary

April 12

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

April 13

(no Tamil School)

Friday

April 14

Saturday



8	Meghan Montana
8	Isabel Donahue
9	Sam DeGiovanni
11	Brian Donahue
11	Kaedryn Pulling
12	Steve Ware
12	Skyler Dean-Lee
13	Alan Wind
13	David Hawkins
13	Ruth Fitzgerald
13	Sara Lataille
13	Maya Donahue
14	Carolyn Furman
14	Nicholas Benson

Newsletter Articles
for the May Church
Mouse are due to the
office on Tuesday,
April 17.
The newsletter will be
mailed on Monday,
April 30.

Theresa will be out of the office on vacation the week of April 16-20.
The office will be closed Monday, April 16.
The office will be open Tuesday-Friday April 17-20 from 9am-Noon.
The worship bulletin for April 22 will be printed on April 13th.

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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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