

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

## ~ WORSHIP FOR EASTER DAY ~

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*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.*

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### 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.*

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### INTROIT

“Aleluya”  
Children and Youth Ensemble \*

Traditional Honduras

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

Leader: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

**People: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ,  
but surprise us with Resurrection power  
in all the places of our lives!**

Leader: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart,  
a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

**People: This story of “Alleluia!” means great joy for the  
One who lives and the ones who witness to this new life  
in all the places of our lives!**

(continued)

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

Leader: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son,  
resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

**People: Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives,  
that we may know the truth  
of resurrection for the rest of our lives!**

Leader: We join our hearts in song and sing  
“Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”  
for Christ is living and so are we!

**People: Alleluia indeed!**

## HYMN

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

NC (black) 233

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Rev. Craig Cowing

**Our God,  
your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus’ company,  
bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they  
could imagine –  
Christ is Risen!  
Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too,  
breaking into our losses and sorrows  
and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives!  
Come this Easter morning, we pray,  
and fill us with the joy of the women disciples,  
the first witnesses to your resurrection,  
that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory.  
Let us roll back the stone of the grave  
and pick up the stones of Alleluia once again!  
In Christ we pray as he taught us to pray, saying,**

(continued)

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 765

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!

**WELCOME**

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

**ANTHEM**

“In Joseph's Lovely Garden”  
The Bell Choir

Traditional Spanish, arr. Garee

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:1-10

NT(Pew Bible) p33-34

**SERMON**

“Go to Galilee”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

NC (black) 433

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to 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**

“Christus Paradox”

Alfred Fedak

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) NCH418

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.

O Master, let me  
walk with thee  
In lowly paths of  
service free;  
Tell me thy secret,  
help me bear  
The strain of toil,  
The fret of care.  
A-men.

## Pastoral and Silent Prayer

### 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" NC (black) 245  
**\*THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS** G. F. Handel  
**BENEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE** "Toccatà in F Major" Buxtehude

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**LITURGIST** Bob Inderbitzen

**GREETERS** The Gau Family: Sandy, Scott, Alyssa, Alex, Anna

**USHERS** Kim Burghoff, Deb Copes, Marge Murk  
Steve Smith, Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY** Lynn McKenna and Nancy Harlow

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH ENSEMBLE**

Persephone Blaise, Violet Collins, Anna Gau, Alex Gau, Julia O'Connor, flute,  
Alyssa Gau, violin, Ben Rolfe, viola, Will Rolfe, drums, Jared Manard, guitar,  
Victoria Bower and Jennifer Martin, assistants.

**BULLETIN COVER** artwork and design Nancy Edwards



## Memorial Easter Flowers

### In Loving Memory Of

Ed & Charlotte Bacon  
Jan Kelly, Ethel Bacon & Harold Kelley

Sue St. Jacques

Warren Carpenter

Our Parents: Armand & Bette Benoit  
and Ed & Gladys Carberry  
My mom, Jennifer O'Connor

Barbara Vaux  
Hazel & Clarence Vaux  
Peter Curtin

Domenic and Mildred Yacobucci  
Pat Horoland  
Angie Toce

Chester J. Cole  
Gene Little

Our Loved Ones

Our parents:  
Jane and Jim Gordon  
Veronica and Joe DeGiovanni

Belinda Fiorilli

John & Phyllis Paholski  
All our Angels in Heaven

Jim Griswold

### Given by

Ed and Holli Bacon  
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Alice Bradstreet

Gladys Carpenter

Bob & Denise Carberry

Julia O'Connor

Gael Curtin  
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Deb Copes  
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Grace Cole and Jackie Little  
Jackie Little and Grace Cole

Craig Cowing and Anita Hawkins

Sarah and Jim DeGiovanni  
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Julie Dostie

Judy Graham & Family  
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Lois Griswold

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# Memorial Easter Flowers

## In Loving Memory Of

*Our parents:*

Philip and Lydia Waugh

Emil and Ida Hansen

Our Parents

Susan Statkiewicz

Mike Heneghan

Martha Gibson, Sister of Lily G. Hill

Roger R. Hill, Husband of Lily G. Hill

Joyce Hoffman, Melissa Hoffman

Raymond Millin, Ben Hoge, Joe Tokarski

Dad & Grampa, Donald Thompson, Jr.

Our Fun-Loving Uncle, William Maley

Bob and Dorothy Hunter

My Dad, Raymond Malona

Louis LaCava

Linda

Ellie

My Family

Harry & Marie Schmidt

Harry & Arline Watson

William & Adrienne Cain

Daniel R. Somes

Pamela Crispinelli

## Given by

Robert and Janet Hansen

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David and Bobbie Hawkins

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Steph Heneghan

Lily G. Hill

Lily G. Hill

Marsha and Bill Hoffman

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Cindy, Maley & Thompson Hunt

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The Hunter Family

Michele Jokl

Janet LaCava

Judy Libby

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Harry and Bev Schmidt

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Candy & Louis Smith

Dick and Thelma Somes

Wendy & Steve Ware

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## Memorial Easter Flowers

### In Honor of

Beverly & Henry Hudson

Margaret Davies

Suzen Light

Russell Carlo

Much Love and blessings  
for friends and family

### Given by

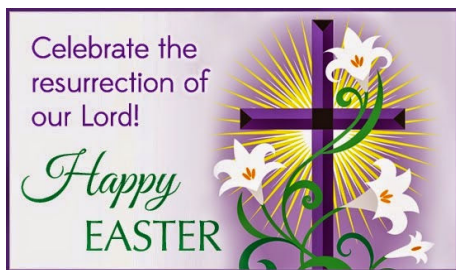
Ed and Holli Bacon

Bower & Inderbitzen Family

Bower & Inderbitzen Family

Phyllis Carlo

Cheryl Hammel



## EASTER OFFERING

Every year, we have the opportunity to give out of our joy for His resurrection. This year, the Board for Missions has named the Diaconate Board's Helping Hand Fund for the Easter Offering.

Our Helping Hand Fund assists Church members and friends of the church who are in need of assistance. In the words of Matthew, "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you". Thank you in advance for helping the Diaconate Board to distribute monetary gifts to our friends and families in need. All disbursements from the Helping Hand Fund are made confidentially.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering this year. Let us share our joy for Jesus's miraculous resurrection through our plentiful giving. Let us share our love for each other, here, near and far. Thank you.

The Board for Missions: Kari McCaw - chair, Cindy Hunt, Bob Inderbitzen, Anita Hawkins, Marge Murk, Wendy Ware.

## 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.



### **Nursey 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.



We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about worship and events.



Do you love knitting or do you want to learn? The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Denise Carberry with questions.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 10am-3pm  
RE-MAKER'S FAIR AND EARTH DAY  
FESTIVAL**

"Remake, Reuse, Rejoice!"

The Re-Maker's Fair will feature creatively hand-crafted items made from re-used or up-cycled materials, saved from the waste stream to become beautiful or useful objects.

Information on local recycling and other environmental efforts will also be available. Join us in celebration of our stewardship of the earth!

For more information or to sign up for a table to sell items, please contact Anita Hawkins at church or leave a message with the church office 860-529-4167 OR [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

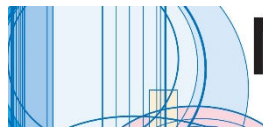


***Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls***

***Friday April 21, 7pm, Weil Chapel***

Singing bowls developed in the region of Tibet a long time ago. These instruments have been found to positively affect the body on many levels. The vibrations soothe the nervous system and invite the release of tight muscles, stress, anxiety, PTSD and depression. The healing vibrations of the singing bowls can uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!

Free-will food offerings support the Rocky Hill Food Bank.



**Newsletter  
Submissions**

May Church Mouse Articles are due on April 17<sup>th</sup> to the church office at: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

Join us on Monday, April 24 to fold and prep the May newsletter.

Your help is always appreciated!

COME JOIN OUR



The RHCC men's Christian fellowship (bible) study group meets the second and fourth Saturdays each month at 8:30-9:30am in the Fiorilli room. **Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

If you enjoy fellowship and want to learn more about scripture and other faith topics, please join us. If you would like further information, please see Jim Stevens at church or call 860-632-5810. Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - 2PM,  
LIAM E. MCGEE PARK, HARTFORD

## FOODSHARE **Walk** against hunger

The Foodshare Walk Against Hunger is the largest anti-hunger event of its kind in the State. 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 more!

Thomas Kainamura is our team chair again this year. To register, go to <http://site.foodshare.org/goto/RHCC> or use the registration forms in Chapin Hall, and return to the church office. Contact Bob Inderbitzen or Kari McCaw with questions. We are once again offering FREE RHCC t-shirts for all walkers!

Save the Date!  
CELEBRATE SPRING AT OUR  
MAY BREAKFAST & PLANT SALE  
Saturday, May 13, 8am-10:30am



Adults \$7.00, Kids (4-12yrs) \$5.00, under 4yrs – free  
Egg Strata ≈ Pancakes ≈ French ≈ Toast Cereal ≈  
Bacon ≈ Sausage ≈ Juice ≈ Milk ≈ Coffee



May 9<sup>th</sup>, Bonsai Demonstration at 10:30am.

The Rocky Hill Garden Club invites you to join us for a display and presentation of Bonsai plants with Craig Cowing, May 9th in Chapin Hall at 10:30 am. Craig will give a demonstration of styling a tree. For more information, contact Steph Heneghan.

# 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 May 7.

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 16                      EASTER Sunday**

6:15am **Sunrise Service at Rose Hill Cemetery**  
 7:00am **Breakfast will follow in Chapin Hall**  
 10:00am **Easter Worship**                      Sanctuary  
 9:30am **Childcare**                                  Room 4  
 11:00am **Coffee Fellowship**                      Chapin Hall  
 4:00pm **Tamil School**                                  Rms 22,23,25,26,27



**April 17    Monday**

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 7:00pm **Women's AA**                                  Chapin Hall  
 7:30pm **Bell Choir**                                      Sanctuary



**April 18    Tuesday**

10:30am **Retired Clergy**                                  Parlor  
 7:00pm **LSP Board**                                      Fiorilli  
 7:00pm **Hearing Voices**                                  Room 23

**April 19    Wednesday**

6:00pm **Pilates**    Chapin Hall  
 7:30pm **Choir**    Sanctuary

**April 20    Thursday**

9:30am **Music Together**                                  Room 22  
 7:00pm **Fair/Events Cmte**                                  Fiorilli  
 7:30pm **Men's AA**    Chapin Hall

**April 21    Friday**

**Re-makers Fair Set up**  
 7:00pm **Tibetan Bowls**                                  Weil Chapel

16	Ruby Bennett Joan Diaz
17	Jake D'Addario
18	Sarah DeGiovanni Dawn McLean Victoria Bower Grace Triblets
19	Lois Griswold Sue Monaghan Wendy Ware Mya Corvo
20	John Goff IV
21	Sue Starr Linda Gilbert Elaine Malespini Jason McGowan

**April 22    Saturday**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 10am-3pm**

**RE-MAKER'S FAIR AND EARTH DAY FESTIVAL!**



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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](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

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