

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



~Easter Sunrise Service~

April 16, 2017

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WORDS OF WELCOME

The Reverend Craig Cowing

GATHERING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
(Verses 1-3)

In Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

What wondrous love is this!

We will sing.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen and the Lord is here.

Christ is risen and the Spirit is with us. Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen for God has worked wonders.

Christ is risen in glory and power forever. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with the desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light. We pray this in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

HALLELUJAH ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

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THE GOOD NEWS

John 20:1-18

AN EASTER MEDITATION

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our light, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

**Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
Radiant in the brightness of your Sovereign!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Night vanishes forever!**

Rejoice, O servant church! Exult in glory!
The risen Christ shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
Echoing the might song of all God's people.

**For Christ has ransomed us with his blood and for our salvation
has paid the cost of Adam and Eve's sin!**

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

**This is the time when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and
rose triumphant from the grave!**

HYMN

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BENEDICTION

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Gail and Dave Hall



*All are invited for a delicious
Easter Breakfast following this service,
in Chapin Hall at Rocky Hill
Congregational Church,
805 Old Main Street.*



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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

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