

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**April 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

Leader: We praise Creation's God:

All: **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

Leader: Let each single voice praise God:

All: **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

Leader: Let all voices together praise God:

All: **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

Leader: Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

All: **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

Leader: With all Creation we praise God:

All: **Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

## \*HYMN

“Bring Many Names”

New Century (black) 11

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

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We seek and find you in Creation, O God,  
in the world you have made and the people you have called.  
Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide,  
leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life.

Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning  
and in its challenge;

may the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb,  
lead us to act for your justice and peace:

so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life,  
and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away.

In the name of the Risen One we pray 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

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first musical system consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me," are written below the notes. The melody features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with a final note on "me," held as a half note.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second musical system also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." are written below the notes. The melody for "re - mem - ber me." is more melismatic, with the final note on "me." held as a half note and a long, sweeping line connecting it back to the beginning of the phrase.

## WELCOME

## 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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Greek Testament John 10:22-30  
NT(Pew Bible) p90

## SERMON

“You Are Called”

The Reverend Pat Felletter

## \*HYMN

“Ask Me What Great Thing I Know”

New Century (black) 49

## PSALM 23 A PSALM OF DAVID (unison)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;\*

3 he restores my soul.\*

He leads me in right paths\*  
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,\*  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely\* goodness and mercy\* shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.\*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*During the time of offering, your prayers can be offered using the blue prayer request cards and placed in the offering plate. The pastor will read the prayers aloud during the Joys and Concerns.*

### 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

## \*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

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

\*HYMN "Lord, Make Me More Holy"

NC (black) 75

#### BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

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LITURGIST

Bob Inderbitzen

USHERS

Wendy Ware, Nancy Parsons, Lynn McKenna, Victoria Bower



Today's Flowers are donated in Memory of Loved Ones  
by Barbara Wheeler

### LOOKING AHEAD

Today April 17	10:00am One Great Hour Offering
	11:00am Permaculture Garden Presentation
Sun. April 24	11:00am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour: Governance Q&A
	11:00am Youth Group 'Taco in a Bag'
	Fundraiser for the National Youth Event this July
Sat. April 30	8:00am Spring Breakfast & Re-Maker's Fair
Sun. May 1	12:30pm Foodshare Walk Against Hunger



### Icon of the Month in the Chapel

Stop by the church to spend some time in prayerful reflection. The icon for the month is: "*The disbelief of Thomas*". The original was painted in Serbia in the 1400's. You may also walk the labyrinth. There is a basket of stones at the entry. You'll be invited to take a stone, carry it with you through the labyrinth, and leave it at the center. Come and enjoy a few minutes of quiet contemplation in the Weil Chapel. The Chapel is open during office hours, 9am-2pm, Monday – Thursday and 9am – Noon on Friday.



*This offering will be collected on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**One Great Hour of Sharing** as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

### **Project Highlight: Kenya**

Matee Kakoo tells the story of her community in eastern Kenya before and after a One Great Hour of Sharing-supported sand dam was built. Ms. Kakoo recalls that people in Mbangulo went hungry because they didn’t have enough water to cook food. Their primary school had insufficient classrooms because there was no water to make bricks. The children often missed school because they needed to get water for their families. The task of fetching water took most of the day, leaving little time for other activities. Women were at risk for sexual assault on their long journey to get water.

When the people of Mbangulo were first approached about constructing a sand dam, they were enthusiastic. They quickly gathered local materials that were combined with additional donated construction materials to build the dam.

Today, children are in school and there is even a shallow well on the school grounds to provide for the school’s needs—including new bricks for new classrooms. Food is more plentiful as the water allows people to grow gardens and they have more time to tend to them. Ms. Kakoo expresses her gratitude for what this water project has done for her community, “It will be remembered by generations to come.”



## **Church Garden Ministry – All are welcome!**

**First Meeting: Today, April 17<sup>th</sup> after Worship**

Please join us for a short meeting to discuss ideas for improving the church grounds through a new gardening ministry. We'll also discuss "permaculture gardening," a way of designing a garden the way nature does, and using low maintenance, self-fertilizing, self-watering plantings. For more information, visit West Parish Church UCC, [www.permaculturewestparish.org](http://www.permaculturewestparish.org). Our time together will even include a walk around the church grounds to get ideas. --Michael Bower & Bob Inderbitzen



### **April 24 Second Hour:**

#### **Organization and Governance Question and Answer Session**

There is a shifting dynamic that it is happening in our denomination, and in organized religion as a whole. The idea of smaller, more nimble governance structures is being discussed among churches who have recognized that a change in perspective could help refresh and revitalize our faith communities. Here at RHCC, a small ad-hoc group of the council has been working to explore how we might streamline our own governance structure. The group made a presentation at the B&E meeting and are now beginning to host several second hour discussions with the congregation (copies of the small group's presentation can be found in the office if you were unable to attend). Please join us for our first discussion, we hope to see you there!

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Next Week: Don't miss our

### **Taco-in-a-Bag Fundraiser!**

to benefit the High School Youth Group trip to the UCC National Youth Event in July  
Sunday, April 24 after worship



Save the date: Middle School Youth Heifer International Farm Trip, May 6-7

### **S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School News**

If you are able and willing to help teach, lead an activity, or be a second adult in a classroom, please sign up in Chapin Hall or contact Georgette Huie or Kathy Morgan.

### **CELEBRATE SPRING AT OUR APRIL BREAKFAST & RE-MAKER'S FAIR**

Saturday, **April 30th** 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



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



"Remake, Reuse, Rejoice!" 11am-3pm (after the Pancake Breakfast). 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,

contact Anita Hawkins or the church office at: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

## FOODSHARE **Walk** against hunger

### Foodshare Walk Against Hunger, Sunday May 1st at 2:00 p.m.

Time: 12:30 p.m. check-in / 2:00 p.m. Walk begins

Place: The Hartford's Liam E. McGee Memorial Park, 140 Garden Street, Hartford  
\*free parking is available at 690 Asylum Ave.

Registration forms are available in Chapin Hall after worship. Thomas Kainamura is our team chair. To register, go to [www.FoodshareWalk.org](http://www.FoodshareWalk.org) and search for Thomas' name or Rocky Hill Congregational Church.

### Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating? Or had you graduated sometime this past year? High school, college, a credited program? We would like to recognize your accomplishment in June during worship.

Please contact the office and let Theresa know your name and the accomplishment at 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



### Great Grandmothers!

Are you a new great-grandmother? Please let us add you to our list of fabulous ladies who have become great-grandmothers, and we will be honoring you during worship on Mother's Day.

Contact the office at 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

### WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org) (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.



## RECYCLE AND HELP OTHERS

Donate your old eye glasses to the Lion's Club to help others.



A collection box is in the church office hallway.

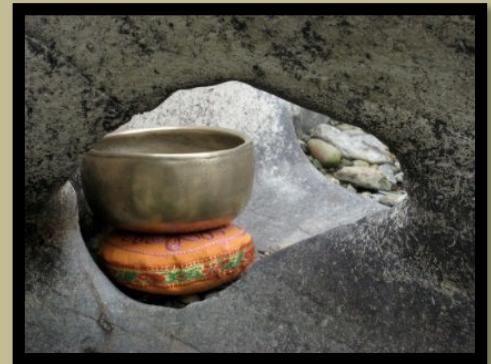
## Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls

with Rev. Craig Cowing

Third Friday of the Month, 7pm, April 22

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind. Singing bowls developed in the region of Tibet a long time ago. A singing bowl is a bronze bowl ranging in size from a few inches to eighteen inches or more in diameter.

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. Research has been done in the last decade or so about the effects of sound on the mind. It has been found that soothing sounds can actually alter the brainwaves that are produced. The sound of singing bowls definitely has that effect. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!



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!

[www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

## **GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHURCH FAIR – April 21 at 7pm**

Please help in making the 2016 Church Fair one of our best yet. We need members to volunteer and/or donate items. We will accept donations of toys, games, electronics, jewelry, CD's, books, arts and crafts. The Fair Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm. If you'd like to get involved, please see a committee member or come to a meeting. Upcoming meetings are: April 21 and May 19 at 7pm, in the Fiorilli Room. Thank you.

**Your Fair Committee: Peter Alessi-Chairman, Holly Alessi, Jean Goff, Jeannie Alessi, Ruth Jensen, Lynn McKenna, Candy Smith.**





### **New Sanctuary Carpet**

The Trustees are developing bids to replace the Sanctuary Carpet this summer. We would like help in selecting the pattern and color. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jim Stevens or Dave Sageman.

### **Nominating News**

At the church meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, Linda Tokarski offered to serve as the Clerk, and Marsha Hoffman will now serve as Moderator, which is such great news.

The outstanding positions still needed include:

-  One auditor – there are no meetings associated with this position, in fact, it can be done remotely by reconciliation of a file that is emailed monthly.
-  Another deacon.
-  Someone for a two-month rotation on the flower committee.
-  One more member to serve with stewardship; members do not call to make calls asking for money.

If you would like to serve, please speak with any nominating member or contact Steph Heneghan at 860-529-4672 or [stephanie\\_heneghan@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie_heneghan@yahoo.com)

## 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, Wendys
- 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 order deadline for cards not stocked in inventory will be **Sunday, April 24**

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.

See **Gail Hall** at 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 17

10:00am **Worship**  
11:00am **Permaculture Meeting**  
2:00pm Private event  
4:00pm Siragu Tamil School

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Chapin Hall  
Chapin Hall  
Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

### April 18

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Loft

### April 19

9:30am **Retired Clergy Group**  
7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Parlor  
Room 25

### April 20

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline  
6:30pm **Governance Ad Hoc**  
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Room  
Choir Room

### April 21

9:30am Toddler Music  
7:00pm **Fair Committee**  
7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Rm 25  
Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall

### April 22

#### **Earth Day**

7:00pm **Sound Healing Meditation** Chapel

*"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean." —John Muir*

#### STAFF VACATION:

Theresa will be on vacation the week of April 18-22.

The church office will be **closed** on Monday April 18.



April 17	Jake D'Addario
18	Sarah DeGiovanni
	Dawn McLean
	Victoria Bower
	Grace Triblets
19	Lois Griswold
	Sue Monaghan
	Wendy Ware
20	John Goff IV
21	Sue Starr
	Linda Gilbert
	Elaine Malespini
	Jason McGowan
23	Jean Sudell
	John McNeil Jr.



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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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