

**Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
Established 1727**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**April 21, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 A.M**

**The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community**

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 21, 2013

10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! Join us in Chapin Hall for fellowship time after worship. The Welcome Table in the hall offers information about the church and ushers can answer any questions. Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available for worship—ask an usher. Nursery care is always available downstairs in Room 4.

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

A SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Psalm 23 (*unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd;

Therefore I can lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures;

And lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

And guide me in right pathways for His name's sake.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

You have anointed my head with the oil and my cup will be full.

Surely Your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—found printed at St. Elizabeth Church, Brugge, Belgium

PRELUDE

Please use the prelude as a time for personal prayer and preparation of your heart for worship.

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

from Southern Harmony, setting by Matt Limbaugh

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 pastors prior to worship.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dinah Hess

Leader: Delight! Children of God, delight!

People: **We are delighted to worship together; to be a family of faith and to be united in prayer and praise.**

Leader: We gather together to draw close to God.

People: **We gather together to remember God's call to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Leader: We gather together to strengthen ourselves for service in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

People: **We are here! We are delighted! We are united!**

* HYMN

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

New Century Hymnal 252

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF 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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(debts/debtors)*

Deacon Gail Tine

Good and gracious God, we come today to your house. We come to remember your faithfulness and abundant grace, even when we doubt and fear. Even when we turn away from you, you invite us into your loving and merciful presence. Renew us as a community of care and compassion. Open our hearts, O God, to hear your word that we may become faithful disciples of your son and our brother and friend, Jesus Christ. It is in his risen spirit among us that gives us the strength to pray,

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.

* GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

GOD SHARES WORDS OF LOVE AND LIFE

OPENING THE WORD

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

Acts 9:36-43

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

“Feed My Lambs”

by Natalie Sleeth

The Choir with Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute and Gail Hall, clarinet

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto My flock, Thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

SERMON

“Get Up!”

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

* HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

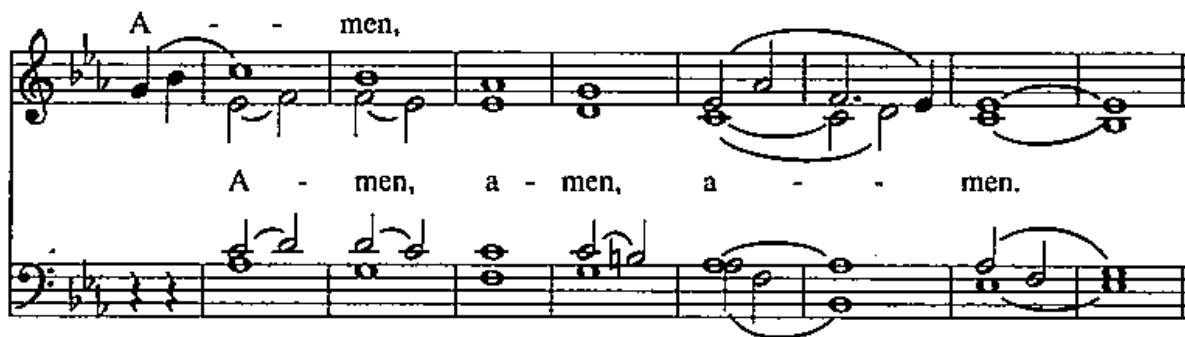
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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(We invite your oral prayer requests – keeping the request brief and identifying the first name for the pastors. Trust that God knows the details of the need.)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERING INVITATION

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Living Through Giving”

from the Cantata “Nicholas” by Don McKeever

If you would live a life worth living

You must learn to be loving and giving.

Learn to love, learn to give, that is how to live.

Loving, giving, learning, living - that is how to live!

Greed denies to those in need

The love God gave for all.

Give a life of loving deeds

That's a worthwhile call.

If you would live a life worth living

You must learn to be loving and giving.

Learn to love, learn to give, that is how to live.

Loving, giving, learning, living - that is how to live!

* DOXOLOGY

As we sing the Doxology, praising God for all our blessings, some in our congregation sing this inclusive language version: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye Heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen." You are welcome to sing whatever words are in your heart.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A - men. -

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

* HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

New Century Hymnal 474

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegretto"

from Suite in D Major

attributed to Leonardo da Vinci (*April, 1452-May, 1519*)

*(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

GREETERS

Sue Starr, Jay Jensen

HOSPITALITY

Ruth and Jay Jensen

HEAD USHERS

Jay and Meghan Montana

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Orchestra in Worship

Revelation 21:1-6

"A New Thing"

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

APRIL 21

11:30am Noah's Table
11:30am Orchestra Rehearsal

APRIL 22

5:30pm Yoga with Lynn
7:00pm **Bowling**
7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

APRIL 23

5:30pm **Global Missions**

APRIL 24

9:00am **Quilters**
12:00pm **Bible Study**
5:30pm **Women's Retreat**
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

APRIL 25

5:30pm TOPS
8:00pm Men's AA

APRIL 27

8:00am **Spring Breakfast**
2:00pm Community Event

SUNDAY

Youth Room
Sanctuary

MONDAY

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall
Loft

TUESDAY

Fiorilli Room

WEDNESDAY

Quilters Room 6
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Chapin Hall
Choir Room 1

THURSDAY

Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall

SATURDAY

Chapin Hall
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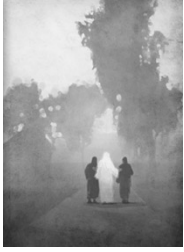


- 21 Sue Starr
Linda Gilbert
Elaine Malespini
Jason McGowan
23 Jean Sudell
24 Alexander Lataille
Jocelyn Fritzer
25 Jane Yorgensen
Ann Krischus
Amy Snow
26 Linda Rupaka
27 Julie Dostie
Christopher Robbins

Global Visitor Coming to Speak at RHCC Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:30 p.m.

Come Hear Mary Louise Vitelli, a US lawyer and international energy expert give her insights and experiences on her time spent in countries around the world! Mary Louise is a very energetic and spirited speaker and will be chatting with us about her recent trip to Tonga, in the Pacific Islands! She will share her observations of the culture, the people and tell us of her own colorful experiences (which are many). Please come and share a cup of coffee and some wonderful global conversation!

Coffee and sweets will be provided...please contact Meghan Montana 203-640-2386 or me.kelly@snet.net for more information or to RSVP.



A Women's Evening of Reflection:
The Road to Emmaus,
Recognizing Jesus on Our Journeys and at Our Tables
Wednesday, April 24, 2013

5:30 to 8:00 pm

Join other women as we explore scripture, share our stories, grow our faith, and break bread together. Presented by Lisa Eleck as part of her course at Hartford Seminary with support from Rev. Donna Manocchio. Please register by Monday, April 22nd by calling RHCC at (860)529-4167 or Lisa Eleck at 860 436-3038 or sign up in Chapin Hall. Cost: \$10 to cover a light meal



Spring Breakfast
Saturday, April 27th
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
Eggs Strata - Pancakes - French Toast
Cereal - Bacon - Sausage - Juice - Milk - Coffee
Adults \$7.00 Kids (4-12) \$5.00 under 4 - free
PLANT SALE / Flowers & Vegetables / BAKE SALE

Requests for Donations

The Fair Committee would like to ask the Congregation for donations for the annual Spring Breakfast/Plant Sale/Bake Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

We are looking for baked goods, especially pies, as they are a big seller at our events. We would also be happy to take any houseplants, or garden plants that you may have.

We hope you are able to attend the event, as it is always a great opportunity to extend an extravagant welcome to our community and celebrate the joy of spring.

Thank you.

2013 Youth Talent Show - Calling All Young Talent!

May 4th at 6:00pm

Make your own sundaes after the show. Rehearsals to be determined and announced soon. Please email or call Elaine Somes: Elainet320@att.net or 860 563-4099. Registration forms are in Chapin Hall.

Once again I am collecting books to be taken out to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Needed are children's books, ages 5-11, as well as novels for women to start a library. They must be like new or gently used, with no violence, sex or drugs. If you have a contribution please leave it in Chapin Hall on the end table to be picked up Sundays until May 26th. Thank you for any contribution you can make.—Joan Tennyson (860) 529-8789

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

S.P.I.R.I.T. Faith Nurture Ideas

These faith nurture ideas coordinate with the weekly session plans for church school. We hope you will join us in learning, teaching, and growing together!

Here's what we're learning about this week...

COME JOIN THE CIRCLE: Unit 5 – Go & Make Disciples

What Does It Mean to Be Baptized?

Jesus said, "Go therefor and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

– Matthew 28:19-22

Jesus' great commission to his disciples can also be read as words to us, but what does it really mean to "go and make disciples"? It might be interpreted to mean "go and tell people that unless they are Christians they are wrong," or to confront and convert people.

This is not what Jesus had in mind. Our charge is to be witnesses to the faith we have experienced. This means living each day in such a way that everything we say and do points of the God who created us in love, and who loves all people. When Jesus commissions us to make disciples and be his witnesses (Acts 1:8), he is asking us to remember the faith that has been given to us and to live that faith every moment of every day. When we have met Jesus through the Bible and seek to follow in his way, the way, we tell the story of God's love. Sometimes we tell the story with words, but more often we tell it by how we live. We say as much by what we do as by what we choose not to do.

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

Reflect. *Talk about the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Spend time today and this week thinking about the story of your faith. What have you experienced? What do you wish you knew more about? When and how is God's presence most real for you? Tell yourself the story using your favorite means of expression: music, talking out loud, art, writing, dancing – whatever you wish. Then find someone to share it with and ask them to tell you their faith story in return.*

A Prayer For The Unit. Jesus you have shown us by your life what it means to love and serve others. In your great commission you ask us to go out and make disciples. Give us the wisdom to teach as well as the courage to reach out to others. Help us to be your witnesses so that people may experience your love through us. Amen.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for April and May. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (Kari McCaw-Blaise, Liz Pulling, and Liz Reed-Swale) or email them at RHCCchildcare@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

PARENTS:

Church school ends at 11:15 AM.

Please pick-up your children at the following locations.

(So that the children may focus through the end of their class, we ask that you do not look through the classroom windows, and that you wait for the teacher to end class by opening the classroom door.)

| CLASS | PICK-UP LOCATION |
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| Pre-K | HANDS ON RM. 23 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i> |
| K - 1st Grade | FOOD & PEOPLE Youth Room <i>Ground Floor of Church</i> |
| 2nd & 3rd Grade | COMMUNITY LIFE RM. 22 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i> |
| 4th & 5th Grade | FUN & GAMES RM. 24 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i> |
| 6th-8th Grade | SHOW & TELL RM. 25 & RM. 27 <i>Christian Education Hallway</i> |

From the Nominating Committee

Members of the Nominating Committee are still prayerfully seeking church members for various boards and committees to assist in the ministry of our church. After reviewing the Nominating insert – ask yourself: *Where is my ministry most needed?* We all look forward to hearing from all of you. Changes are coming our way, so let's build strong boards, strong committees and continue the energy of our church community for the upcoming years. Nominating Committee: Lois Stevens, Joan Diaz, Rich Pawlich, Lori Benito, Neal Cox, Kathryn Lewis, Stephanie Heneghan and Cheryl Hummel.

SCRIP-SURE

Scrip will be available today in Chapin Hall. This week's special deals include Amazon, Sunoco, Starbucks, Subway, Kohl's, and Target. Cards for Big Y, CVS, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Market, and Whole Foods are also available as usual. The deadline for the monthly order from our scrip broker is next Sunday, April 28. Cards ordered by that date will be available for pickup on the first Sunday in May. Order forms and lists of all participating retailers are available at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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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