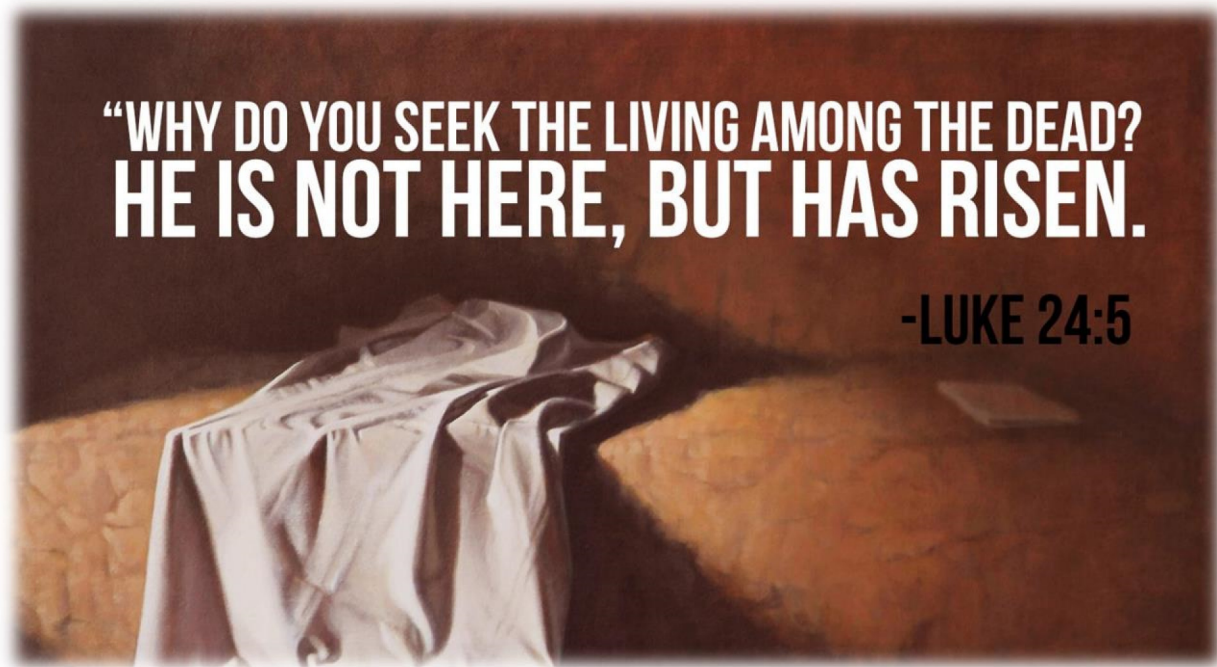


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**“WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HAS RISEN.**

-LUKE 24:5

**EASTER SUNDAY
April 21, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

~ WORSHIP FOR EASTER DAY ~

*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 name, email address and phone as you sign our friendship registration pads. 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.*

INTROIT

“Tina Singu”

South African Chant

The Choir, Ben Rolfe, Will Rolfe drums

EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

L: Jesus walked the earth with God's message of peace, blessing all creation:

All: **Abundant life for all!**

L: Jesus preached God's love--justice for the poor, full sharing of earth's bounty;
He rattled the authorities with...

All: **Hope and healing; forgiveness and welcome!**

L: Worldly powers tried to stop him: led him to a tree and crucified him;
laid him in the earth: a garden tomb. Three days in the earth, and then,

All: **Like the seed which dies to live, so Jesus arose to new life!**

L: And so let us celebrate the risen Christ, alive in our midst even today.

All: **May we be hands and feet,
hearts and minds of that risen Christ,
proclaiming the good news of abundant life for all.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold type** denotes collective response

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**This is the day you have made, our God, and we rejoice!
Come. Let the world know you dwell with us.
Stir our souls with love and hope,
And let our feet dance for joy on your good earth.
Open our eyes to the hopes and needs of this planet,
and all who share its life.
Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name.
Be present to us. Empower us with your resurrection life.
Let the world know, through our lives, that Christ is risen indeed!
We pray this in Jesus’ name, 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**

NC 773

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

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

ANTHEM

“My Sweet Repose”
The Bell Choir

Franz Schubert, trans. Duncun

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Georgette Huie

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 1-12

NT(Pew Bible) p90

SERMON

“Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?”
Rev. Craig L. Cowing



***HYMN**

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

NCH 237

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to receive prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

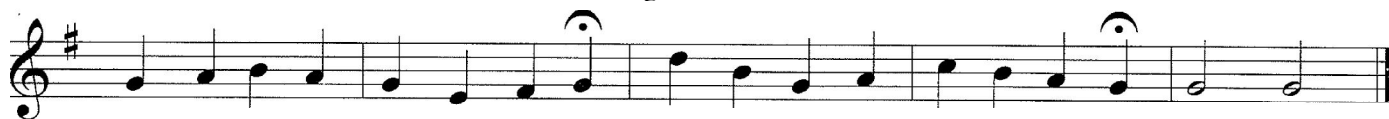
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory Anthem “O Christ, Our Joy and Gladness” Carlton T. Russell
The Choir

***Doxology**



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

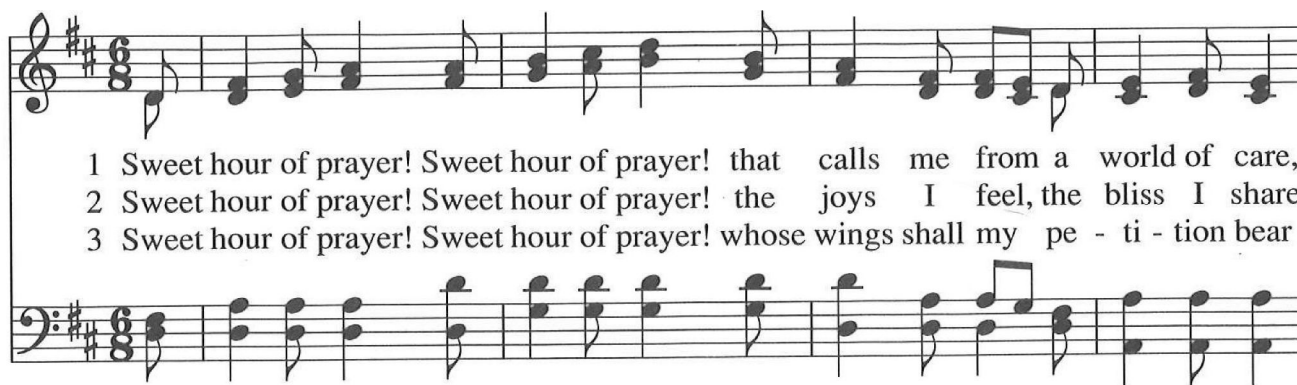


Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

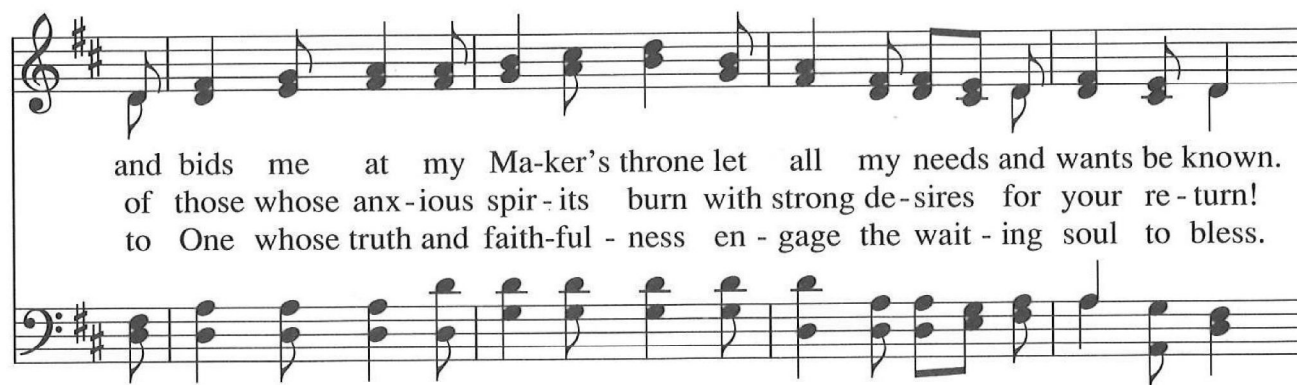
***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

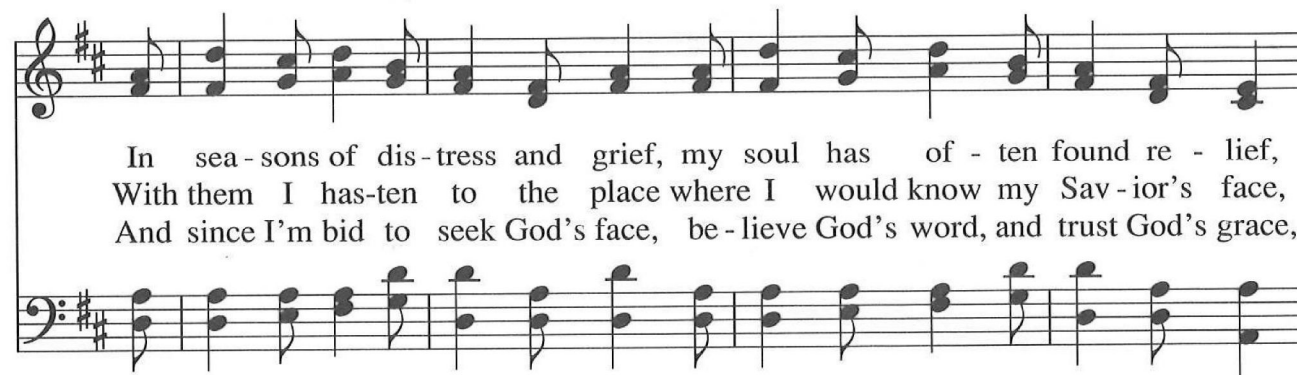
Joys & Concerns



1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
 With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
 I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

***HYMN**

“In The Bulb There is a Flower”

NCH 433

For 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.

***THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

G. F. Handel

The Choir and Congregation



BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Festival Toccata”

Domenico Zipoli

PASTOR

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

LITURGIST

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Georgette Huie

USHERS

Sue Chatfield, Jarod Taylor, Wendy Ware and Kim Burghoff

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Mary DeLibero

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Dave Hall, trumpet, Gail Hall, clarinet

Jason Hall, trombone

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow, Lynn McKenna, Ruth Jensen, Jen Cordes



The Tower is lit this week in Celebration of the wonderful life of Jim McNally by Lisa, Jackson & Maya McNally

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS



In Loving Memory Of

Given by

Thomas Andonucci

The Andonucci Family

Ed & Charlotte Bacon & Our Grandparents

Ed and Holli Bacon

Warren Carpenter

Gladys Carpenter

Chester J. Cole
Gene Little

Grace Cole and Jackie Little
Jackie Little and Grace Cole

My parents Barbara Vaux and Hugh Curtin
My grandparents Hazel and Clarence Vaux

Gail Curtin
Gail Curtin

Jane and Jim Gordon
Veronica and Joe DeGiovanni

Sarah and Jim DeGiovanni
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Our Loved Ones in Heaven

Judy Graham

Jim Griswold

Lois Griswold

Our Parents
Susan Statkiewicz

David and Bobbie Hawkins
David and Bobbie Hawkins

Dad-Grampa, Donald Thompson, Jr.
Our Fun-Loving Uncle, William Maley

Cindy, Maley & Thompson Hunt
Cindy, Maley & Thompson Hunt

Robert and Dorothy Hunter

Glen Hunter

Jim McNally
Doris McNally
Mary Damiata
Margaret Libera

Lisa Libera
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EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS



In Loving Memory Of

Given by

Christine Moser
Michele Reed Van Epps

Carol & Chris Marshall
Carol & Chris Marshall

Our Parents

Fred & Gloria Moreschi

Daniel Pansullo, Jr.

Diane Pansullo

John Puglisi
Flora Hopkins

Nancy Rolfe
Nancy Rolfe

Daniel B. Sheehan
Jean O'Grady Sheehan

Christopher Sheehan
Laurel Cole, Christopher,
Joseph & Mark Sheehan

William & Adrienne Cain

Candy & Louis Smith

Our Parents
Gil VanNess

Sue VanNess, John Hummel & Family
Sue VanNess & Jen Martin

Pamela Crispinelli

Wendy & Steve Ware

In Honor of

Given by

Beverly & Henry Hudson

Ed and Holli Bacon

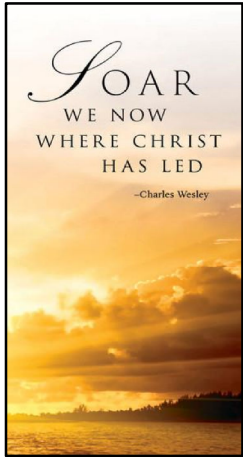
In honor of Gregson Curtin's graduation

Gail Curtin

In honor of all who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to help carry out our Church's ministries. You ARE the church! -Your time Talent and Treasure Ministry



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. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service so we can get to know you better. All are welcome here!



The Easter special collection will benefit a Connecticut shelter for migrant children; **Noank Community Support Services** located near Groton. At this time, they have unaccompanied 10-12 minor children (teens mostly) from the border in their care, and are at or near capacity all the time. They also have other shelter-homes for homeless or disadvantaged local youth. The director says the teens in her shelter had left their home countries unaccompanied by their parents to escape severe threats and violence. Contact Anita Hawkins or Heather Collins from Outreach & Witness Ministry with questions.

Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 28!!

Join us for worship and activities afterwards as we celebrate the Holy Waters of the Earth on April 28th, in recognition of Earth Day and our role as stewards of God's Creation. In keeping with the theme, there will be a baptism during the service, and afterwards, screening of a short documentary film of a church pilgrimage down the Connecticut River by canoe and kayak. Interesting information on the River and how to protect it, on Recycling (and how to move beyond recycling) and Composting will be available in Chapin Hall, with local singer Geoff Kaufman's "Restless Waters" music playing in the background. And, there will be Compost Cookies!



Weekly Bible Readings			
April 21	Luke 24:1-12	April 25	1 Peter 3:1-22
April 22	Luke 24:13-53	April 26	1 Peter 4:1-19
April 23	1 Peter 1:1-25	April 27	1 Peter 5: 1-14
April 24	1 Peter 2:1-25		

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
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **April 28** (with delivery on May 5). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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 21

EASTER Sunday

6:00am Sunrise Service at Rose Hill Cemetery

6:30am Breakfast in Chapin Hall

10:00am Easter Worship Sanctuary

9:30am Childcare Room 4

11:00am Coffee Fellowship Chapin Hall

April 22

Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA Fiorilli Room

April 23

Tuesday

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

April 24

Wednesday

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

April 25

Thursday

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

7:30pm Men's AA Chapin Hall

April 26

Friday

OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

April 27

Saturday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

21	Linda Gilbert
21	Elaine Malespini
21	Jason McGowan
22	Elaine Sellenberg
23	Jean Sudell
23	John McNeil Jr.
24	Alexander Lataille
25	Jane Yorgensen
26	Linda Rupaka
27	Julie Dostie

Earth Day service and
celebration
Sunday April 28!!



Walk Against Hunger: **Saturday April 27, 8am breakfast, 10am WALK.** We'll meet at the church at 8 AM for a continental breakfast, and then carpool to the walk. You can also support our team with a donation to Foodshare by searching for our team, "Rocky Hill Congregational Church" on the Foodshare website. Together we can fight hunger in Connecticut! For more info, contact: Heather Collins or Elaine Sellenberg.

Taco Dinner Fundraiser for the fight against Crohn's disease.

Saturday, April 27, 5:00 – 7:30pm. \$10.00 per person. Dinner: Tacos, chips, salsa, dessert & beverages. Held here in Chapin Hall. Activities will include basket raffles, live music & merchandise for sale! Hosted by the Jokl family and "Crohn's crushers". If you have any questions, contact Michele: mjokl@joklfamily.com. Join the fun and support a good cause!

