

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



April 23, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*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.*

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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Parsons

Leader: Sing a new song!

People: A springtime song to new life!

Leader: Sing praise to our joyful Easter God

People: Whose power brings new life out of death!

Leader: Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth

People: Our visions and hopes are refreshed, made new!

Leader: For God has taken ordinary things

People: And made them extraordinary

All: Sing a new song!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Holy God,
You have transformed absurd impossibility
into reality: resurrection...
You have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias
where once there was a gray dawn,
You have called us out of the tombs we inhabit
into an undreamed of tomorrow,
we praise you for this day!
Come, Risen Christ,
in newness and hope on this Eastertide day.
We pray this in your name, as you 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**

NCH 765

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,

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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



ANTHEM

“Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling”

Drew Elliot

*Victoria Bower, Jillian Maynard, Katie Hoffman-Fulda,
Michael Bower, Bob Inderbitzen, Jared Maynard, Tom Fulda*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

NT Pew Bible p115

SERMON

“Seeing the Moose”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

NC (black) 237

OFFERING OF GIFTS

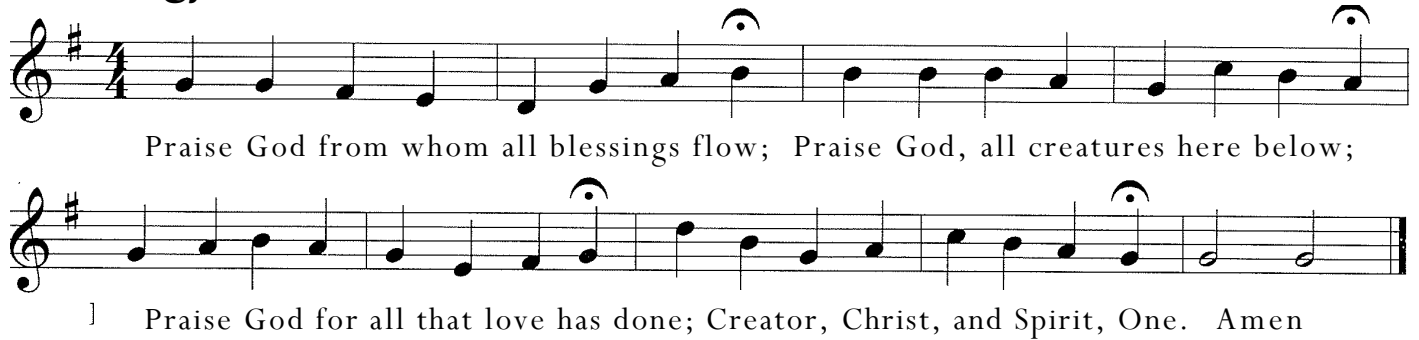
Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to collect the prayer request cards.

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.

Organ Voluntary

*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) NCH 418



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 Prayer

***HYMN**

“Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!”

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BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Nancy Parsons

USHERS

Victoria Bower, Bea Donahue & Bob Simmons, and Sue Monahan

HOSPITALITY

Ruth Jensen and Nancy Harlow

ORGANIST

Mary Rose DiGiovanna



*Today's altar flowers have been given by
in memory of loved ones by the Reed-Swale family.*



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.

IN LOVING MEMORY Thelma Dimock Somes



Born on December 13, 1924 to Samuel Jared and Olive Gilbert Dimock. Lifelong resident of Rocky Hill and proud to have lived on Elm Street all her life. Thelma graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1942 and Ona Wilcox School of Nursing-Middlesex Hospital in 1945. She was an Army Cadet Nurse during WWII, worked at Hartford Hospital for five years, then at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Hospital for 22 years. Thelma was a life-long active member of Rocky Hill Congregational Church. She married Richard D. Somes on September 6, 1947.

She was predeceased by her son, Daniel R. Somes, son-in-law T. Christopher Sheehan, sister Eunice Newell and husband William, brother Jared G. Dimock and wife, Ruby. She leaves children Deborah S. Sheehan of Woodstock, David D. Somes and Anne Chamberland of Newington, and daughter-in-law Elaine T. Somes of Rocky Hill. Grandchildren Jessica Peronace and husband Stephen of Newington, Joshua D. Sheehan of Boston, Jacob T. Sheehan and wife Rachel of New York, Alyssa Somes Kellogg and husband Timothy of Old Saybrook. Great grandsons Matthew, Benjamin and Zachary Peronace and Samuel Sheehan.

Her family, home and yard were so important to her. Family times were great times. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 21 at Noon at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill. Donations may be made in her memory to Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067.

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.



Saturday, April 29, 10:00am – 12:00 Noon.

Join us for a story telling adventure about Rocky Hill history. This guided tour will be led by Bob Herron, Rocky Hill Historical Society Historian and Walk Leader. Meet at Center Cemetery main entrance. Length of walk approximately two hours. Level of difficulty: easy (some uneven surfaces and hills).



May 9th, 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.

Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship

This scholarship requires that you be a member of the UCC/Congregational Church. Applications are available in the church office. Frank Roswell Fuller was born in Hartford in 1873 and attended local public schools. He later formed his own company at 40 Wall Street known as Fuller & Company, which operated from 1904 to 1920. When he retired he came to live in West Hartford. He died in 1957. His will established a substantial scholarship fund. Mr. Fuller was always interested in helping “needy, deserving” students obtain the education that he had not been able to enjoy himself. The deadline for submitting your application and other documents is **May 15th**.



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. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about worship and events.

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

RHCC Mission News



In April, the Board for Missions will be preparing Emergency Cleanup Buckets for CWS (Church World Service). UCC Disaster Ministries has offered matching grants to UCC congregations that assemble Emergency Cleanup Buckets. These buckets equip people after a flood, tornado or other disaster. They include practical household materials like clothesline, work gloves, dust masks and insect repellent. "For families that have lost everything, CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets and other CWS Kits are more than just relief supplies, they are an expression of love and a symbol of hope for the future," said Zach Wolgemuth, UCC Disaster Ministries executive. Please see Kari, email kariblaise@hotmail.com or call at 860-803-4852 if you have any questions. Stay tuned for the date in April when buckets will be assembled.



Walk Against Hunger: Sunday May 7, 2017

Team: Rocky Hill Congregational Church

Our Board for Missions invites you to Join our team! Battling hunger in any community requires a team effort. Here in Greater Hartford more than 137,000 people struggle with food insecurity.

Sunday, May 7, 2017: Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

11:30 AM - FREE Lunch at the church (after worship)

12:15 PM - Carpool to WALK, Liam E. McGee Memorial Park (formerly Hartbeat Park)
140 Garden Street, Hartford; FREE Parking at 690 Asylum Avenue

12:30 PM - Check-in at WALK

2:00 PM - WALK steps off; a gentle 2-mile route takes walkers through Bushnell Park and Hartford's West End. This event is family-friendly and tons of fun!

BONUS: Register and get a FREE Rocky Hill Congregational Church T-Shirt

REGISTER BY SUNDAY, APRIL 23 (T-shirt ordering deadline)

Shirt sizes: Youth S, Youth M, Youth L, Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, etc.

WALKER: _____ Age:(if under 18) _____ SHIRT SIZE: _____

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Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of Walkers _____ x Foodshare Donation \$ _____ = TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
or donate by searching for team "Rocky Hill Congregational Church" at www.FoodshareWalk.org

Make checks payable to RHCC, and give completed forms and payments
to Bob Inderbitzen or the Church Office, or mail to:

Rocky Hill Congregational Church UCC, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill CT 06067

You may call Bob Inderbitzen with questions at 860-418-9171.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

April 23

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
4:00pm **Tamil School**

April 24

NEWSLETTER MAILING

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

April 25

7:00pm **Cedar Hollow Mtg**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

April 26

6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

April 27

9:30am **Music Together**
7:30pm **Men's AA**

April 28

April 29

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Rms 22,23,25,26,27

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Tuesday

Fiorilli
Room 23

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday



23	Jean Sudell
	John McNeil Jr.
24	Jocelyn Fritzer
25	Jane Yorgensen
26	Linda Rupaka
27	Julie Dostie
28	Nadine Bell
29	Liz Reed-Swale

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH - 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!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Church Office: office@rhccucc.org / 860 529-4167

Church Website: rhccucc.org

Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie ghuie@rhccucc.org

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