

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**May 8, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh 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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## PRELUDE

“Songs My Mother Taught Me”  
Dave Hall, Cello

Antonin Dvorak

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Graham

One: God rules the Earth with justice:

**Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

One: All nature serves God:

Fire clears the way and lightening lights God's path:

**Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

One: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

All peoples behold God's glory:

**Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

One: Delight in God, O coastlands and heartlands;

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones:

**Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

## \*HYMN

“God Is Here! As We Your People Meet”

New Century (black) 70

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

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mysterious God, You reveal yourself in Jesus,  
who gives us a glimpse your glory  
and invites us to share in the unity of all that is holy:  
the holiness that is you, your creation, your people,  
united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear  
and injustice.

Meet us here today, our God, and teach us to be one:

One in love for each other

One in love for creation

One in understanding with all who find in Jesus the way to you

One in peace with all who find other paths to your truth.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, 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

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

The first part of the musical notation is for the phrase "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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

The second part of the musical notation is for the phrase "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

## 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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). 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.

**ANTHEM**

“The Earth Adorned”  
The Choir

Waldemar Ahlen

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 17: 20-26

NT(Pew Bible) p97

**SERMON**

“That They May All Be One”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free”

New Century (black) 209

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to 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**

“Wondering”

Jane Marshall

The Choir with Hilaire Leavitt and Linda Tokarski, Bells

## \*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

#### Recognition of Great Grandmothers

#### Joys & Concerns

#### Sung Call to Prayer

Musical notation for the first part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -"

Musical notation for the second part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody continues from the first part. The lyrics are: "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace."

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### \*HYMN

"Renew Your Church"

New Century (black) 311

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

"The Spirit That Dwells Within"

David Paxton

LITURGIST

Judy Graham

USHERS

Deb Copes, Steve Smith, Marge Murk, Jim Stevens

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*Today's Flowers have been given in loving memory of  
Virginia Pittsinger, Betty Pittsinger and Minni Murk by Marge Murk*

*The Tower is lit this week in loving memory of Bob Aube by Kathy Morgan*

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## RECOGNITION OF GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS

Charlotte Bacon	Janet Hansen	Doris Schreier
Carol Baran	Midge Harvey	Thelma Somes
Ruby Bennett	Anne King	Sue Starr
Mary-Edith Bowman	Gladys Kitchens	Sylvia Steucek
Barbara Burgess	Janet Kunzelman	Midge Sword
Grace Cole	Betty Mooney	Joan Tennyson
Jeannette Doane	Irene Moore	Joyce Toft
Lois Griswold	Emily Rosenthal	Dot Wenzel
Jean Hamilton		

In honor of the great-grandmothers of our congregation, the Deacons will make a donation to “**Forgotten Heroes,**” a community-based transitional home dedicated to homeless female veterans and their children (up to age 10). This is the first organization of its kind in Connecticut. In addition to residence, the program offers other specialized services that address the unique needs of female veterans. If you wish to donate additionally to the Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes project, send a check made out to Homes for the Brave (please write FS:FH on the memo line) and mail to: ABRI/Homes for the Brave, 655 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

### LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	11:00am	Mother’s Day Coffee Hour
Sun. May 15	NOON	Governance Conversation with our Neighbors
Sun. June 5	11:00am	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 12	10:00am	Children’s Sunday



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

In honor of Mother's Day today, InReach is sponsoring a special coffee hour following worship with *Strawberry Shortcake* for all.



The icon of the month for May 15-June 4 is Craig's copy of an 18th century Russian icon of Pentecost. It depicts Mary at the center of the gathering, placed in the midst of an Orthodox church. Please come and enjoy this mystical representation of the beginning of the Christian Church.

### *High School Youth Group*

on **May 8**, we will once again join the Muslim youth at the Berlin Mosque for an interfaith youth activity; and on **May 15**, the CT Conference will be holding its annual Youth Revival. Save The Date: Children's Sunday to be held on **June 12**.

The Events Committee would like to **THANK** all who were involved in any way with the **May Breakfast, Raffle and Plant Sale**, from set up to take down and to our customers alike! The food was delicious as always, the artwork on the tray tables exquisite and the plants donated by Gilbert Farms were vibrant.



**Sunday, May 15 Second Hour at 12:00pm:  
Governance Conversations With Our Neighbors**

Many churches have been doing the work of looking at, and modifying, their governance structures, as we are now doing at RHCC. Our friends at South Glastonbury Congregational Church have been through this process and have been living in their new structure for a while now. Their Pastor, Rev. Richard Allen along with some members who were involved in the process, have graciously agreed to come and chat with us about their experience, and to also answer questions we might have. Please join us for this informative discussion, we hope to see you there!



**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)



**Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship**

This scholarship is available for members of the UCC/Congregational Church. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submitting your application is May 15th.



**This Week! Wed. May 11 at 9:00am - Breakfast Club**  
at Bob's Coffee Shop, 33 New Britain Ave, Rocky Hill.  
Members of RHCC meet once a month, on the second Wednesday. Join us for coffee and fellowship!



## GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHURCH FAIR

Please help in making the 2016 Church Fair one of the best. We need members to offer to volunteer or donate items for the booths. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be appreciated. Any volunteer will not be expected to stay the whole day.

Please contact one of the Committee Members to volunteer or donate something. The Committee welcomes all members of the church to attend the committee meetings to share their ideas, with no obligation expected. Please feel free to contact any committee member for the time and date of the next meeting.

Your Events Committee (formerly the Fair Committee): Peter Alessi-Chairman, Holly Alessi, Jean Goff, Ruth Jensen, Lynn McKenna, Candy Smith, Joan Tennyson, Nancy Harlow

The Trustees are developing a project to replace the flooring in our Sanctuary. One option would be replacing the carpet with similar carpet, but there are other options such as wood or other hard surface flooring. If you have any ideas or thoughts on this, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

### Nominating News

The outstanding positions still needed:

- ✚ 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.

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)



**Submission deadline is Monday, May 16** for the June issue of

The Church Mouse. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

## 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, Wendy's
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, Westside Marketplace, Whole Foods
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Restaurants: Bertucci's, Bonafish 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 for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **Sunday, May 22**. Note that this is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered by May 22 will be available for delivery on **Sunday, May 29**.

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

### May 8

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am **Mother's Day Coffee Hr** Chapin Hall

4:00pm Siragu Tamil School

### Sunday

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

### May 9

7:00pm LSPreschool

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### Monday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

Loft

### May 10

6:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:00pm **Council**

7:00pm LSPreschool

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Chapin

Fiorilli

Teen Room

Room 25

### May 11

9:00am **Breakfast Club**

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

### Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

### May 12

9:30am Toddler Music

7:00pm **Music Committee**

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Rm 25

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

### May 13

### Friday

### May 14

### Saturday



May 8	Jeremy Thompson
May 9	Christine Mullins
	Kimberly Rutigliano
May 14	Steve Smith
	Paul Burnham
	Randy Pulling
	Christine Kainamura
	Bob Furman

Newsletter Submissions are due on <u>Monday, May 16</u> Send to: <a href="mailto:office@rhccucc.org">office@rhccucc.org</a> . Thank you!
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### Annual Reports Due



### TO ALL BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Annual reports for the 2015 - 2016 year are due in the church office no later than **Monday, May 16**. Please send your reports to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

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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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