

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



May 12, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourth 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 downstairs 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE	“Songs My Mother Taught Me” Dave Hall, cello	Anton Dvorak
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MINISTRY MOMENT		Scrip Ministry Team
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CALL TO WORSHIP		Chris Sheehan
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We praise Creation's God:

Blessing and honor; glory and power!

Let each single voice praise God:

Blessing and honor; glory and power!

Let all voices together praise God:

Blessing and honor; glory and power!

Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

Blessing and honor; glory and power!

With all Creation we praise God:

Blessing and honor; glory and power!

*HYMN	“For All the Saints”	NCH 299
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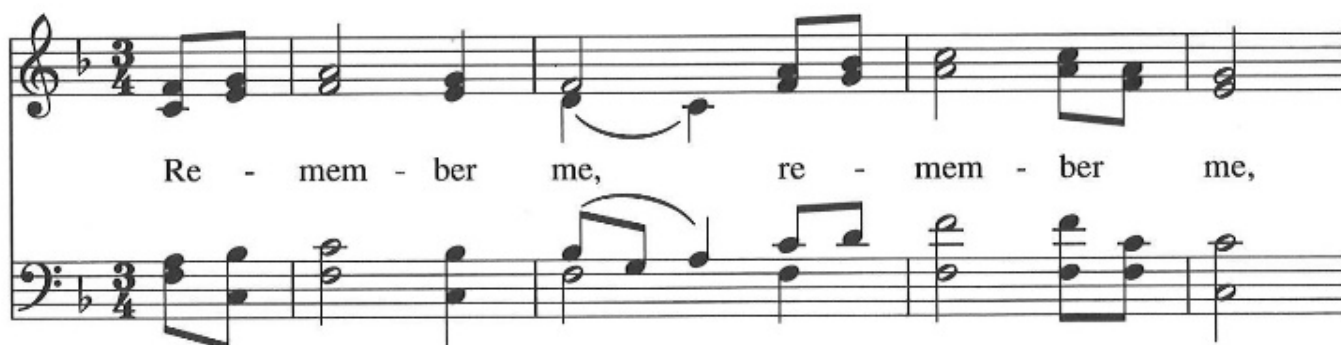
please rise in body or in spirit; **Bold denotes unison response*

*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

NC 773



MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CELEBRATION OF OUR GREAT GRANDMOTHERS

GOD BLESS YOU!



Ruby Bennett

Grace Cole

Jeannette Doane

Lois Griswold

Leona Griswold

Janet Hansen

Midge Harvey

Patricia Hughes-Walworth

Gladys Kitchens

Janet Kunzelman

Irene Moore

Marge Murk

Emily Rosenthal

Mary Smith

Midge Sword

Joan Tennyson

Joyce Toft

Elaine Vicino

Dot Wenzel

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

“The Earth Adorned”
The Choir

Waldemar Ahlen

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible NT p250

SERMON

“A Great Multitude”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

PH 211

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will 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.

Offertory

*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

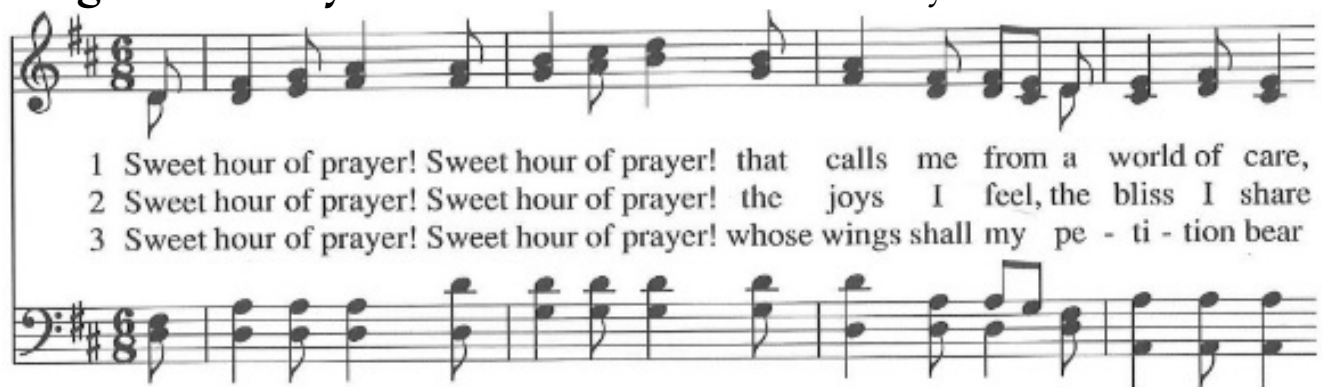
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

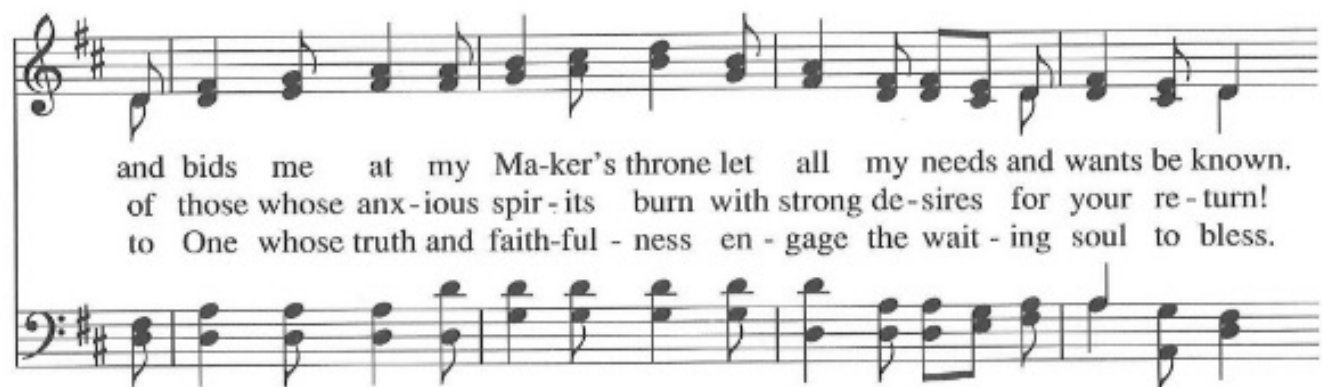
Sung Call to Prayer

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" verse 1

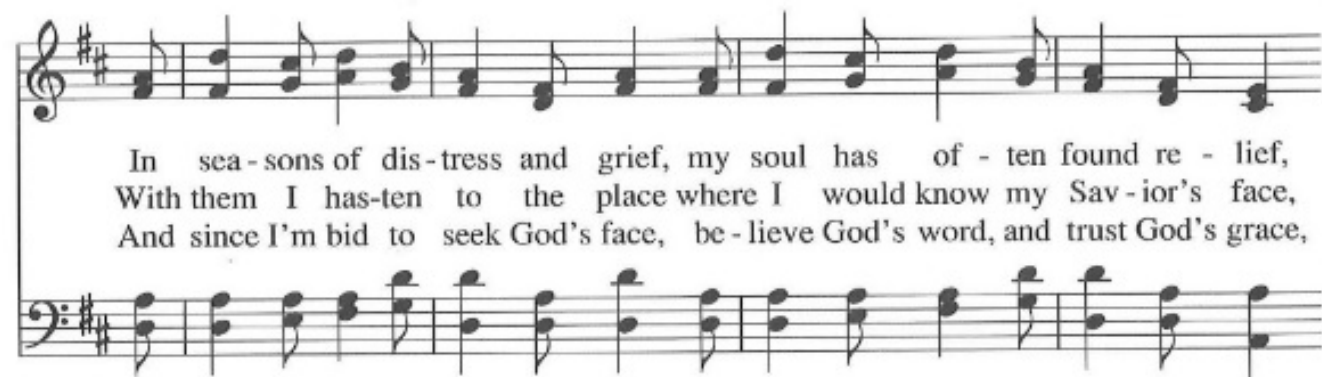
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



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!

Pastoral Prayer

HYMN

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

NCH 295

BENEDICTION

Benediction Response

"Old Irish Benediction"
The Choir

Don McKeever

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Chris Sheehan

USHERS

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*Today's Altar Flowers are given In Loving Memory of
Virginia Pittsinger, Elizabeth Pittsinger and Minna Murk,
By Marge Murk.*



Happy Mother's Day!

In honor of Mother's Day, InReach is sponsoring a special coffee hour following worship with ***Strawberry Shortcake*** for all. Join us in Chapin Hall after worship. All are welcome!

The icon of the Month for May is the Resurrection. This Russian icon depicts Christ going down to Hades to bring up the souls of the righteous. Jesus is shown lifting Adam and Eve out of bondage. The original dates from around 1350-1400 and was painted in Russia.



In honor of the **great-grandmothers of our congregation**, the Congregational Care Ministry 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

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTO YET?

We are overhauling our church directory into a photo directory. That way we may get to know each other a little better every time we look up a phone number. But we need your help.

Please—today—email a photo to the church office. Photos can be casual or formal--it’s your choice. Here’s what we need: If you are a couple, please send a photo of yourselves as a couple (whether or not you have the same last name). If you are a family with kids at home, please send a family photo. Pick your favorite individual or family photo and email it to: office@rhccucc.org.

Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating from High School or College this spring? Or have already graduated earlier this year? We would like to recognize your accomplishment in June during worship. Please contact the office at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org



Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship

This scholarship requires that you be a member of the UCC/Congregational Church. Applications are available in the church office. The deadline for submitting your application and other documents is May 15th.

Submission deadline for the June issue of The Church Mouse will be
Thursday, May 16 and the mailing date will be Tuesday, May 28

We want to hear from you!

Send your articles and photos to: 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
- 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: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, 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 **May 26** (with delivery on June 2). 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



May 12

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall



May 13

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00pm Women's AA
(Open anniversary meeting)

Monday

Fiorilli

May 14

7:00pm Council

Tuesday

Fiorilli/Parlor

May 15

Annual Reports Due

6:30pm LSP Board

Wednesday

Fiorilli

May 16

Newsletter Articles Due

5:00pm RH Historical Society Event

May 17

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

May 18

10:00am ACA Group
10:30am Memorial Service
11:30am Reception

Saturday

Fiorilli
Sanctuary
Chapin Hall

14	Steve Smith
14	Paul Burnham
14	Randy Pulling
14	Christine Kainamura
15	Jay Jensen
16	Jean Hamilton
16	Hilaire Leavitt

A Memorial Service will be held here on Saturday, May 18, at 10:30am, for Betty Mooney. Reception following the service will be held in Chapin Hall. All are invited to attend.



Reminder to all Council Members and Ministry Team Chairs. Annual Reports are due **May 15**. Please submit your report to the church office at office@rhccucc.org

The Annual Report will be distributed on Sunday, June 9.
The Annual Meeting will take place after worship on June 16.

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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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