

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**May 13, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventh 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

“Songs my Mother Taught Me”
Dave Hall, cello

Anton Dvorak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Fitzgerald

L: Good morning, friends and neighbors!

Of all the places you could be on a Sunday morning, why are you here?

All: We come seeking the blessing of the Risen One in community.

L: We come to celebrate the presence of the One
who knows our hearts and guides our choices.

All: We come to witness to the Risen One at work in our community.

L: The Risen One at work in us, offering us eternal life:

**All: Opening our minds to God's justice,
our hearts to God's mercy,
our world to the place where God is all in all.**

L: Eternal life starting here, starting now:

All: let us celebrate!

*HYMN

“Like a Tree Beside the Water”

NCH 313

Bold type denotes collective response

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Protector of all,
So many of us come this morning
with the weight of the world on our shoulders.**

**We are burdened with our own problems
and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve.
Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—
to share each other's hopes and burdens,
to create a world where resources are shared
so that all have enough for full human life.**

**Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you;
take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others
and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being.**

**We ask 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**

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You” v.1 NCH510

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CELEBRATION OF OUR GREAT GRANDMOTHERS



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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Dale Wood

The Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

NT Pew Bible p584

SERMON

“Like a Tree Beside the Water”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

PH38

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down the center aisle to collect your prayer 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

“God is my Strong Salvation”

American Folk Hymn

arr. Abner Grender

*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 "Be Still and Know that I am God"

(NCH743)

Musical notation for the first system of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are: "Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that".

Musical notation for the second system of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for this system are: "I am God. Be still and know that I am God.".

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

PH 322

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Spiritual Sailor” Sacred Harp arr. James Boeringer

LITURGIST

Ruth Fitzgerald

USHERS

Dave Sageman

HOSPITALITY

InReach

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

RECOGNITION OF OUR GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS

Carol Baran	Janet Kunzelman
Ruby Bennett	Betty Mooney
Grace Cole	Irene Moore
Jeannette Doane	Emily Rosenthal
Lois Griswold	Midge Sword
Leona Griswold	Joan Tennyson
Jean Hamilton	Joyce Toft
Janet Hansen	Elaine Vicino
Midge Harvey	Dot Wenzel
Gladys Kitchens	



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. Join us in Chapin Hall after worship.

All are welcome!

*In Honor of our Great Grandmothers, Grandmothers, and Mothers, a donation will be made to: **Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes (FS:FH)** is Connecticut's first and only community-based transitional home exclusively for female Veterans and their young children in need of a home. Housed at the Nicholas A. Madaras Home, FS:FH provides ten beds for female Veterans and five beds, when available, for their young children. Since opening in 2011, the program helps female Veterans by meeting their needs for a safe, secure home and adequate food, and by empowering residents to move forward with their long-term goals: obtaining permanent housing, achieving financial stability, and working toward greater self-determination. Each resident works with a Case Manager to develop personal, housing, and employment goals. ABRI vocational staff coach residents in the job search process, including resume writing, interview techniques, computer training, and other life skills. Nearly 100 women Veterans have been helped regain their independence to date.*

Pentecost Sunday, May 20 - Confirmation

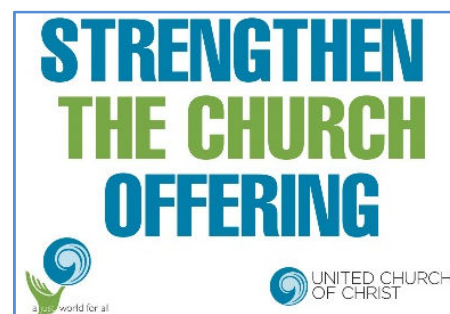
During our Worship Service on Sunday, May 20, the confirmands will be welcomed into membership of the church, on Pentecost Sunday. The rite of confirmation is celebrated in worship as a community, both in response to and in anticipation of the work of God in the life of a believer.



The following young people are to be confirmed: Nicolis Alessi, Hannah Fuller, Max Kainamura, Molly Morgan, Ben Rolfe, Will Rolfe, Grace Triblets, Toryn Pulling.
All church members are invited to wear red in honor of Pentecost Sunday.

A "Strengthen the Church" offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



Church Membership Directories are available in Chapin Hall after worship or in the church office during weekday office hours, 9a-2p M-Thur, 9a-Noon Fri.

A PDF can be emailed to you, or a printed copy can be mailed. office@rhccucc.org



The Rocky Hill 2018 Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Members of RHCC will meet at the High School at 1:45 p.m. We will march as a group in the parade, alongside all seven churches from Rocky Hill, a great way to represent our Community of Faith! I hope you can all join us in marching this year. If you are not marching, and would like to watch the parade, members of the Events Committee will be selling flags and light refreshments on the church lawn. It's a great spot to view the parade! Bring your own chair.

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



Reminder to all Council Members and Board and Committee Chairs from the 2017-18 Term: Annual Reports are due May 16. Please submit your report to the church office at office@rhccucc.org Thank you.

KEY DATES

All reports are due to the office by Wednesday, May 16.

The Report will be printed on Wednesday, May 23.

The Annual Report will be distributed on Sunday, June 3.

The Annual Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, June 17.



Newsletter Articles are due to the office on May 15th Send 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, Buffalo Wild Wings, 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, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on June 17.

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 13

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Mother's Day Coffee Hr**
6:00pm Piano Recital

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary/Chapin

MAY 14

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

Monday

Fiorilli Rm
Sanctuary

May 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 6

May 16

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

6:00pm LSP Board
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Fiorilli
Choir Loft

May 17

9:30am Music Together
7:00pm **Tibetan Bowls**
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 22
Chapel
Chapin Hall

May 18

(no events scheduled)

Friday

May 19

(no events scheduled)

Saturday

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



14	Steve Smith
14	Paul Burnham
14	Randy Pulling
14	Christine Kainamura
14	Bob Furman
15	Jay Jensen
15	Mark Pawlich
16	Jean Hamilton
16	Hilaire Leavitt
20	Judy Milles

Enjoy Sound Healing Meditation with
Tibetan Bowls
May 17 at 7pm in the Weil Chapel
Food donations gladly accepted.
Free admission.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation!
Everyone is encouraged to wear RED for Pentecost.
Congratulations to our young people who are to be confirmed!



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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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