

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



May 15, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

~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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

“Come Holy Spirit”

Grace Triplets, Toryn Pulling, Molly Morgan, dancers;
Ben, Will and Tom Rolfe, percussion; the Choir, and the Wind

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Parsons

One: We are given water

Many: To renew our arid paths.

One: We are given fire

Many: To ignite our dreams.

One: We are given winds

Many: To move us toward our visions.

One: We are given the earth

Many: In which we plant seeds of hope.

All: Through the pieces of creation, we see the steadfast presence of God; Through the stirring of the Spirit, we no longer stand still.

*HYMN

“Bring Many Names”

New Century (black) 11

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator God, Divine Artist,

you have placed climate, plants, seas and mountains
to be great encouragers in our lives.

Your Spirit moves seeds to trees,
bulbs to lilies,

and clouds to rainbows.

The air we breathe enlivens us.

The streams we touch awaken us.

May we see creation as a friend on our journey.

We pray 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 system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass line begins with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note Bb2, and a half note C3. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the vocal line.

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

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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



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song "We Will Keep a Place For You". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (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

“Siyahambe”

South African
The Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

NT (Pew Bible) p103

SERMON

“Unity In The Spirit”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

New Century (black) 286

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 Anthem

“Fill-a-Me-Up”

Pepper Choplin

The Choir with Val Triplets, soloist

*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

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of The Living God”

NC 283

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" New Century (black) 12

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Baltalha do sexto tom" Pedro De Araujo

LITURGIST Nancy Parsons

USHERS Victoria Bower, Steph Heneghan, Don & Polly Pagnucco

HOSPITALITY Governance Committee

TODAY After Worship

Governance Conversation with our Neighbors

A light lunch will be provided

LOOKING AHEAD

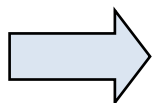
Sun. June 5	11:00am	Annual Meeting
Sun. June 12	10:00am	Children's Sunday

TODAY: May 15 Second Hour at Noon:

Governance Conversations With Our Neighbors

With Rev. Richard Allen, Pastor, South Glastonbury Congregational

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. A light lunch will be provided before the discussion. Please join us!



ALSO: There will be a weekday opportunity to discuss the new church governance proposal at 10am on Wednesday, May 25. All are welcome.



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.

Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls Friday, May 20, 7pm

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind.



Singing bowls developed in the region of Tibet a long time ago. Metal singing bowls will usually produce a harmonic as well as a dominant tone. In other words, the bowl will produce a harmonic cord, not just a single note. These instruments have been found to positively affect the body on many levels. The vibrations soothe the nervous system and invite the release of tight muscles, stress, anxiety, PTSD and depression.

Research has been done in the last decade or so about the effects of sound on the mind. It has been found that soothing sounds can actually alter the brainwaves that are produced. The sound of singing bowls definitely has that effect. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!

FEMALE SOLDIERS: FORGOTTEN HEROES

For Mother's Day, a donation was made by the Deacons in honor of our great-grandmothers to the Forgotten Heroes Project. Some have asked us to share their contact information for future donations to the organization. To donate 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.



6th Annual CTUCC Youth Revival May 15, 3:00 pm

Today from 2:30-5:00pm, Our Youth Group will join with UCC youth from around the state to experience a multi-racial, multicultural worship service!



Middle School Youth - Faith Formation

Sunday June 5 – 6pm-7:30pm

Celebration and Planning: This will be the last regularly scheduled meeting until the Fall, so we will celebrate with dinner and ice cream! And games! And some planning for June 12.

Sunday, June 12 – 10am Worship

We will give a presentation to the congregation about our trip to Heifer International's Overlook Farm.

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



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.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons 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 or printed sermon.



Honor Your Loved Ones

Dedicate sanctuary flowers or light the tower
Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167).

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, Bonefish 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 15

10:00am **Worship**
Noon 2nd **Hr Governance**
2:30pm **Youth UCC Revival**
4:00pm Siragu Tamil School

May 16

Annual Reports Due Newsletter Deadline

9:30am **LSPreschool**
7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

May 17

10:30am **Retired Clergy**
6:00pm Private Party
7:00pm Hearing Voices

May 18

6:00pm **LSPreschool Art Show**
6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

May 19

9:30am Toddler Music
7:00pm **Events Committee**
7:30pm Men's AA

May 20

9:30am **LSPreschool**
7:00pm **Tibetan Bowl Healing**

May 21

8:30am Men's Bible Study
9:30am **Vocal Worship**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Chapin Hall
Hartford
Rm 22, 23, 24, 25, 27

Monday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall
Loft

Tuesday

Parlor
Chapin Hall
Room 25

Wednesday

First Floor
Chapin Hall
Choir Room

Thursday

Rm 25
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Friday

Fiorilli
Weil Chapel

Saturday

Fiorilli
Choir Loft



May 16 Jean Hamilton

Hilaire Leavitt

May 20 Judy Milles

May 21 Karen Hoffman

Emily Grandell

Megan Grandell



ALL BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Annual reports for the 2015 - 2016 year
are due Monday, May 16. Please send
your reports to: office@rhccucc.org.

Help make this year's Country Fair the best yet! Join us on May 19 at 7pm. Or see an Events Committee member.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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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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