

~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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

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 pastors 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

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy Fletcher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Candy Smith

The Spirit of God calls to us,
with sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,
claiming us,
summoning us to become more than we are now;
calling us by name: God's children.

*HYMN

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

New Century (Black) 531

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We do not notice, Holy God,
but you give us:
time, so we can think about your Word;
silence, so it may fill our emptiness;
wisdom, so we may know the path to walk.
We do not notice, Risen Christ,
how you have given all of who you are, for us.
We do not notice, Nourishing Spirit,
how you remove our fears,
pulling us deeper and deeper into love, grace and peace,
until we find ourselves rooted forever in the One.
God in Community, Holy in One,
hear us as we pray as we have been taught,

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! *(Last time, end.)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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



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

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

Daw, Jr/Prichard

The Choir

*God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessings, power of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.*

*Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified,
Teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
In your tending may all ministers learn and live a shepherd's care;
Grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.*

*Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
Help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.*

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

SERMON

“Replacing Judas”

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

*HYMN

“I Need You Ever Hour”

New Century (Black) 517

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) 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

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

Alexander/Jude

The Choir

*Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
'Saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christians, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.*

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;



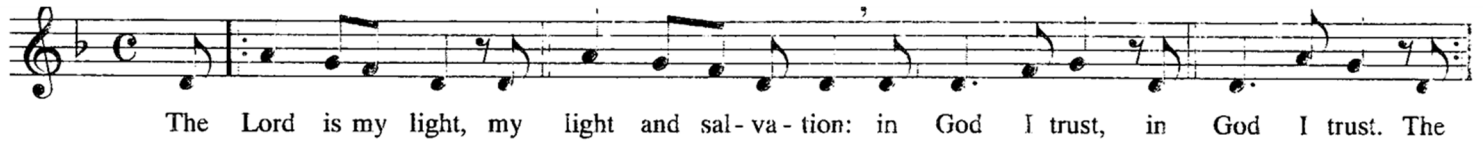
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN "Guide My Feet" New Century (Black) 497

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Adagio from Organ Concerto IV" Handel
"Toccatà" Anon, Italian (18th cent)

LITURGIST Candy Smith
ACOLYTES Tyler Morgan and Brian Speers
USHERS Victoria Bower, Arianna and Allan Smith, Wendy Ware

The flowers are given in loving memory of Patricia Donahue
by Brian Donahue and family

The tower is lit this week in honor of retiring Deacon
Stephanie Heneghan

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED ON MAY 31

The next opportunity for new members to join RHCC will be on Sunday, May 31, during the morning worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member at that time, or would simply like to explore without obligation, please let either one of the pastors know, or contact the church office (office@rhccucc.org, or 860-529-4167) so that we can arrange a preparatory meeting for those who are interested.

ADOPTEE RESOLUTION UPDATE: The adoptee resolution that RHCC has been considering as a congregation has been submitted to the CT Conference of the UCC. We are currently waiting to hear whether it will be accepted.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

S.P.I.R.I.T. Faith Nurture Ideas

(Parents: Pick-Up your child in Chapin Hall)

Please pray for the Children and Youth of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School as they beginning preparations for worship on Children's Sunday. They will be planning, writing, and leading worship, with the entire congregation in mind.

PARENTS – If your child is planning to participate in Children's Sunday, and you have not already done so, please notify Meghan Young or a S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School Teacher.

NOAH'S TABLE (6th-12th Grade) – Picnic in the Park! - TODAY

May 17, 5 PM – 6:30 PM. Join us for dinner and games at Elm Ridge Park! Bring a picnic blanket and a dish to share. Please RSVP with Meghan Young at Meghan@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.

The next ordering deadline for scrip is next Sunday, May 24. Note that this is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered by May 24th will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 31.

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards 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
On the Border

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,
Toys R Us

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

FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fair 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 customers alike! The food was delicious as always, the artwork on the tray tables exquisite and the plants donated by Gilbert Farms were vibrant.

Will McKenna was the winner of the Lowes gift card, tray tables and door mat. Kathy Mosure was the winner of a lovely hanging basket.

We raised a total of \$1200.00 for the church.

Join us for our next event....

THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE,

May 25th at 8 a.m.!

Anyone wishing to help out that day see/call Lynn McKenna or Elaine Somes (860-563-4099).

It is a fun two hour community event and you have a great location to watch the parade!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES



In June, we celebrate and acknowledge all our members who have graduated from high schools, colleges and post college degree programs. Please, notify the office by phone 860-432-2112 or email office@rhccucc.org of anyone to be recognized and supply the institution and degree earned.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

May 17

10:00am **Worship**
4:00pm Tamil Sangam
5:00pm **Noah's Table**

May 18

7:00pm Women's AA
7:00pm Bowling

May 19

11:00am Retired Clergy Group

May 20

9:30am **Quilters**
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

May 21

10:30am to 1:00pm School Historic Tours
7:30pm Men's AA

May 23

9:00am Yoga with Lynn
10:00am **Confirmation Rehearsal**
3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
5:00pm **Confirmation Worship**
/Dinner

Sunday

Sanctuary
Rms 22, 23, 24, 25
Elm Ridge Park

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Parlor

Wednesday

Rm. 6.
Choir Room

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Saturday

Chapel

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

Happy Birthday



May 17 Rebecca Behlman
20 Judith Milles
21 Karen Hoffman
Tate Veley
Emily Grandell
Megan Grandell
22 Louise Butts

Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka will be away from Wednesday, May 13th through Tuesday, May 19th

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

First and third Saturdays in the Fiorilli Room, 8:30-9:30am.



Come join your Christian brothers as we try to understand God's words.

For more details contact Jim Stevens . 860-632-5810

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 to 12:00

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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