

Rocky Hill
Congregational Church
Established 1727
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



May 19, 2013
Pentecost Sunday
10:00 A.M

The Friendly Church at the Center
An Open and Affirming Community

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Sunday, May 19, 2013

10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all and extend a special greeting to our guests; our service is enriched by your presence! 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 downstairs in Room 4.

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

A SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION

Selections From Acts 2:1-21
2013 Confirmation Class

PRELUDE

Please use the prelude as a time for personal prayer and preparation of your heart for worship.

“Invocation to the Holy Spirit”

by David Paxton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gregson Curtin

Leader: Rejoice! Do not be afraid, people of God.

People: We as children of God are not afraid in the presence of the Creator.

Leader: We come from different places,

People: but we can unite in the kingdom of God.

Leader: We speak different languages,

People: but as disciples of the Lord, we speak the universal language of God.

Leader: Let us rejoice in our diversity of gifts and experiences.

People: Let us praise God with all that we are!

* HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”

New Century Hymnal 264

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Megan Grandell & Danielle Berry

* UNISON PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Tate Veley

Gracious and loving God, be with us in this time of worship as we open our hearts to you. Let us give our gifts of joy to you through the power of prayer and dedication. Allow us to give offerings as a way to show our faith to you. Be with us to turn our brokenness into life, and our struggles into peace. Allow us to change for the better of the world, and spread your many teachings of grace and joy. Let us pray together in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

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.

* GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men. A - men.

GOD SHARES WORDS OF LOVE AND LIFE

OPENING THE WORD

Mark Sheehan

THE GOOD NEWS

John 14:8-17, 25-27

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRACTICE OF PEACE

We practice sharing Christ's peace with one another as a sign of reconciliation and love. It is not simply our peace, but the peace of Christ that we offer. The peace may be shared with a handshake, embrace, or a non-contact gesture. Please respect the wishes of those with whom you exchange the peace. On this day, in response to our scripture reading, you are invited to extend peace to your neighbor with the words, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

ANTHEM

"Spirit I Have Heard You Calling"

Music and Lyrics by Thew Elliott

Danielle Berry, Violin

Mary DeLibero, Piano

Megan Grandell, Vocals

James Rolfe, Tenor Saxophone

*Spirit, I have heard you calling, like a mem'ry long grown dim,
crying from creation's moment seeking voice from deep within.
I have heard you in my longing. I have heard you in my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, feel you burning like a flame.*

*Now I see you all around me, now I hear you call my name.
Now I speak the words you give me, now I feed creation's flame.
You are speaking through my pain.
Now I feel you moving in me, and I'll never be the same.*

*Since you moved upon my waters, since you spoke and set me free,
I have yearned for this communion, for your fire inside of me!
Now your love defines my longing. Now your love shines through my pain.
Now we dance in endless union, singing out creation's name!*

REFLECTION

Gregson Curtin, John Speers, Tate Velely

* HYMN

“God, When I Came into This Life” (*printed in bulletin*)

New Century Hymnal 354, Verse 1-2

REFLECTION

Danielle Berry, Megan Grandell, Mark Sheehan

* HYMN

“God, When I Came into This Life”

New Century Hymnal 354, Verse 3

REFLECTION

Katherine Flynn, Emily Grandell, James Rolfe

* HYMN

“God, When I Came into This Life”

New Century Hymnal 354, Verse 4-5

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

See Bulletin Insert

JOYS & CONCERNS

James Rolfe

(We invite your oral prayer requests – keeping the request brief. Trust that God knows the details. After each prayer, the congregation responds “Your prayer is our prayer.” To include your prayer on the prayer list, complete a prayer card and place it in the offertory plate.)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

A - - men,
A - men, a - men, a - - men.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and half notes, and some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

OFFERING INVITATION

Katherine Flynn

For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in giving back to God with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Bonse Aba” Traditional Zambian Folk Song

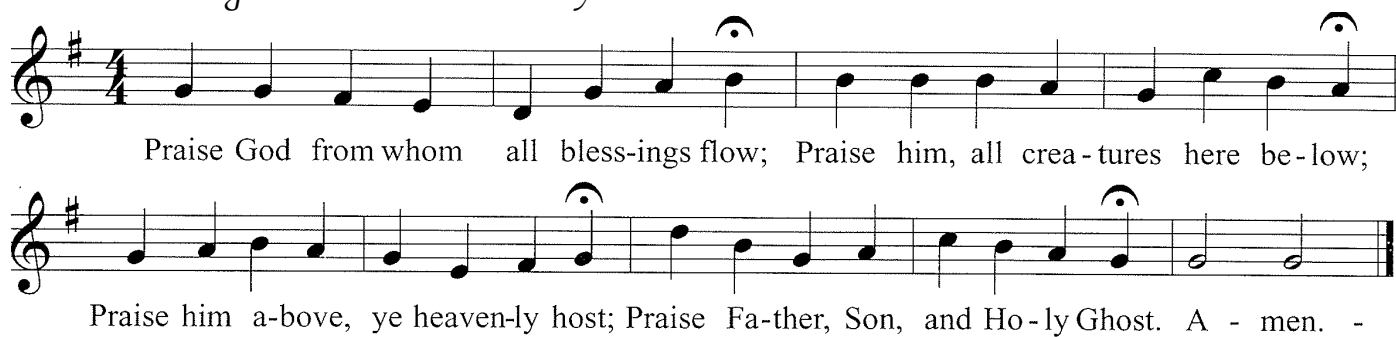
Arranged by Victor C. Johnson

The Choir with Michael Bower and Deb Copes, Percussion Ensemble

'Bonse Aba' translation - "All who sing with the spirit may be called children of God".

* DOXOLOGY

As we sing the Doxology, praising God for all our blessings, some in our congregation sing this inclusive language version: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye Heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.” You are welcome to sing whatever words are in your heart.



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. -

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Speers

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

* HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Pilgrim Hymnal 228

* BENEDICTION

Emily Grandell

POSTLUDE

“The Spirit that Dwells Within”

by David Paxton

*(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

GREETERS

Sue Monaghan and Ellie Mahar

HOSPITALITY

Ruth and Jay Jensen

USHERS

Linda Grillo, Mark Biglow
Kim Batterson Biglow, Sarah Biglow, Deb Copes, Steve Smith

The flowers this week are given by:

Kim Burghoff in memory of McIlroy and Burghoff loved ones
And

The Starr family left from the memorial service of Anne Marie Laforge

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Memorial Day Weekend

Trinity Sunday

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio's last worship at RHCC, UCC

Communion

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

"Help. Thanks. Wow."

The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

Special Offering Sunday, May 19th

Strengthen the Church

This week at RHCC we are collecting for the Strengthen the Church offering, one of our 5 for 5 special missions offerings!

As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will:

- Plant new churches and awaken new ideas in existing churches
- Develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults
- Ensure many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking,"

All donations are given to the local CT conference as well as the UCC's national ministries.

Envelopes for this offering are located at the ends of the pews.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC SUNDAY

MAY 19

Confirmation

11:30am Noah's Table

MAY 20

5:30pm Yoga with Lynn

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30pm **Bell Choir**

MAY 22

9:00am **Quilters**

12:00pm **Bible Study**

7:30pm **Adult Choir**

MAY 23

5:30pm TOPS

7:00pm Fair Committee

8:00pm Men's AA

MAY 25

8:30am Yoga with Lynn

Youth Room

MONDAY

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

Loft

WEDNESDAY

Quilters Room 6

Fiorilli Room

Choir Room 1

THURSDAY

Chapin Hall

Room 25

Chapin Hall

SATURDAY

Chapin Hall



May19 Alana Hokans
20 Judy Millis
Abigail Charamut
21 David Kromas
Karen Hoffman
Tate Veley
Emily Grandell
Megan Grandell
22 Louise Butts
24 Jackson McNally
25 Bob Hamilton
Barbara Carlson
Lisa Eleck
James McLean

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 2nd, 2013 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2013 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2013-14 local budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To vote on any revisions to the 2013-14 Missions budget as presented.
4. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
5. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted;

Marsha Hoffman, Clerk

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

*Children are invited to remain in worship today, following along with the children & youth bulletins.
Children's Sunday is June 9th.*

Please email Meghan@rhccucc.org if your child is planning on participating in Children's Sunday.

A Prayer For The Week. Jesus you have shown us by your life what it means to love and serve others. In your great commission you ask us to go out and make disciples. Give us the wisdom to teach as well as the courage to reach out to others. Help us to be your witnesses so that people may experience your love through us. Amen.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for May & June. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (Kari McCaw-Blaise, Liz Pulling, and Liz Reed-Swale) or email them at RHCCchildcare@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

You are invited to Koinonia 2013!

Join us at RHCC for a 4 night (5:30-7:30 PM), intergenerational Vacation Bible School, "Koinonia 2013", for the whole church family, from June 24th-27th. This summer you are invited to renew and spark your faith as we join together for fun, food, fellowship, and faith formation. Separate faith formation programming will be available for children, youth, and adults.

Please mark your calendars and sign-up in Chapin Hall or by emailing meghan@rhccucc.org.

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 or email of anyone to be recognized and supply the institution and degree earned.



HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. There are openings for June 2, 9, 23 and 30. Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall**, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167),

Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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

Senior Pastor: The Reverend Donna K. Manocchio donna@rhccucc.org

Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: Meghan D. Young meghan@rhccucc.org

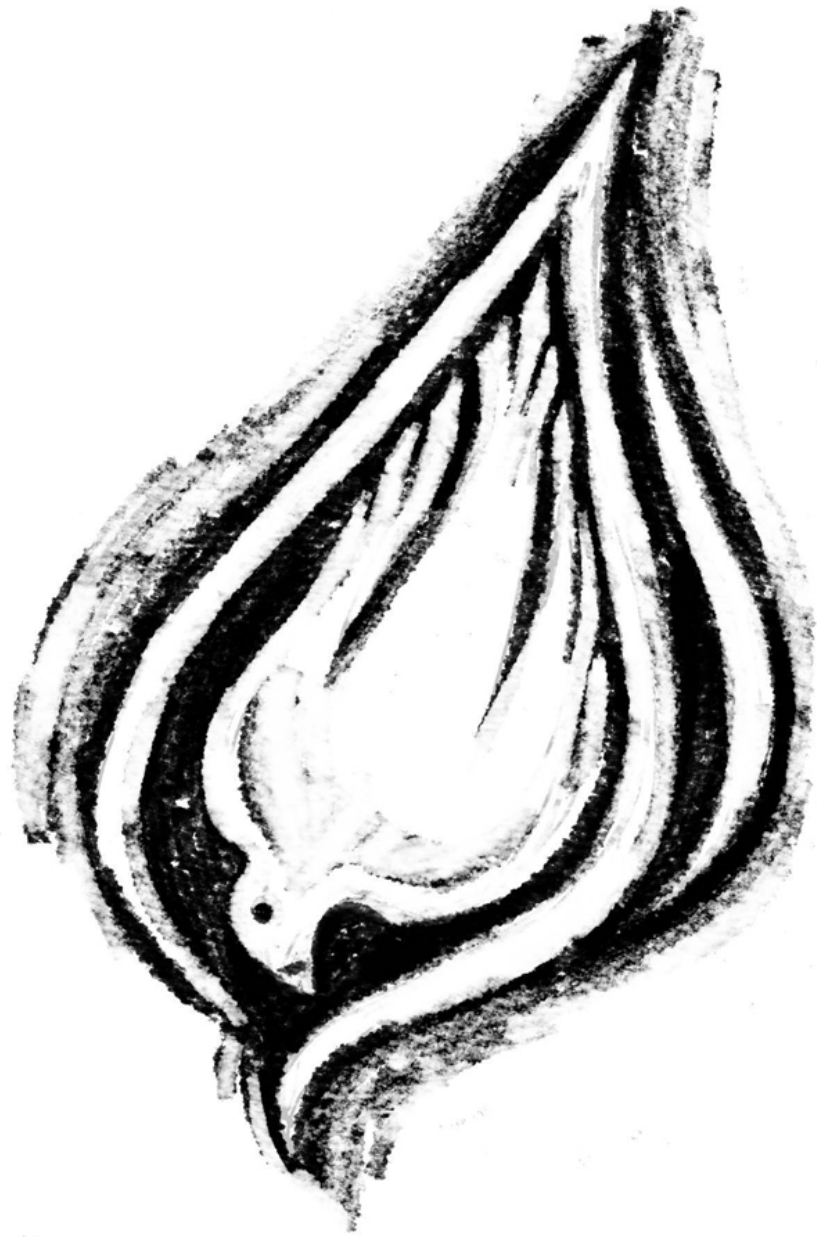
Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

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Confirmation

Sunday, May 19, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Order for Confirmation

Words of Beginning

Questions of the Candidates

*The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

Rite of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation (unison)

We give you thanks, O loving God, that our young people have today affirmed their baptismal promises. We rejoice with them in the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to the church and to each one of them. Let the Spirit's power lead them to new beginnings and to fullness of life and faith. Help them live not only for themselves, but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, joyful and faithful in the service of others, and open to your love at work in them. Amen!

Question of Participation

Presentations

Confirmands

Danielle June Berry
Gregson Alexander Curtin
Katherine Elizabeth Flynn
Emily Anahid Grandell
Megan Virginia Grandell
James Thomas Rolfe
Mark Christopher Sheehan
John Tanner Speers
Tate Christian Veley

Confirmation Teaching Team

Kathryn Lewis
Meghan Young

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,
our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.