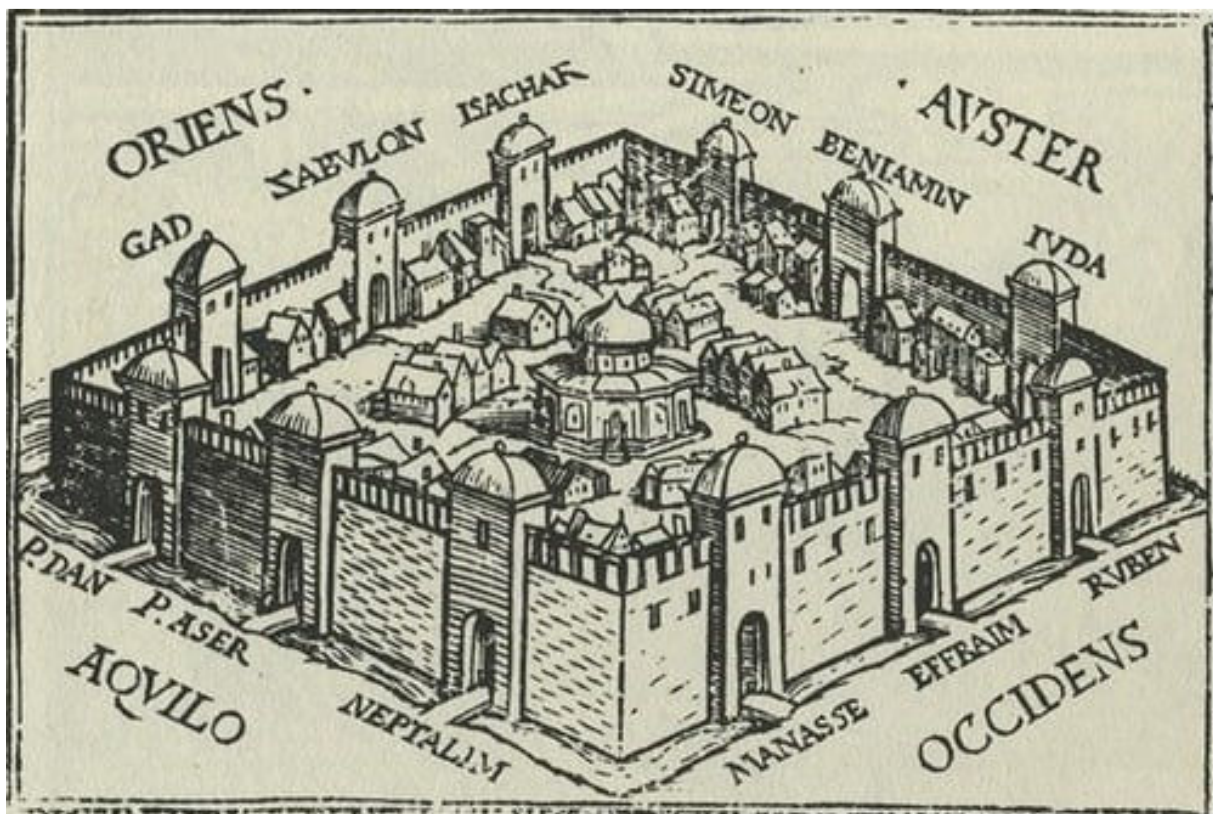


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



May 19, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fifth 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.

INTROIT

“Alleluia”

Gatlin

Frank Vann, tenor; Dave Hall, Baritone; Bill Hoffman, Bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barry Wilcock

L: The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

All: Praise God!

L: The universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects.

(Thomas Berry)

All: Praise God from the heavens!

L: All creation is a song of praise to God.

All: Praise God from the earth.

L: The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly swirling veils of white, like a pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. *(Edgard Mitchell)*

All: Praise God from the deepest sea.

L: Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. *(Rachel Carson)*

All: Praise God!

*HYMN

“Crown With Your Richest Crowns”

NCH 301

**please rise in body or in spirit; Bold denotes unison response*

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God,

Yours is the gift of creation, the rebirth of spring.

Yours is the grace that makes all things new.

Yours is the Word that speaks a spring of water to slake our thirst.

Yours is the urgency that challenges us to care for your creation.

Open our minds to the mind of Christ.

Open our lips, and we will sing with sun and moon, with mountain and hill, with all creatures of land and sea.

Together we will sing awe to your splendor.

We pray 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

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are placed below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are placed below the treble staff. The melody features a long note on 'me.' with a fermata.

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
The Choir

arr. Percy Hall

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Pew Bible NT p259

SERMON

“A City For Healing”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Such Perfect Love”

NCH 248

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

“Antiphon III”

Marcel Dupre

*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

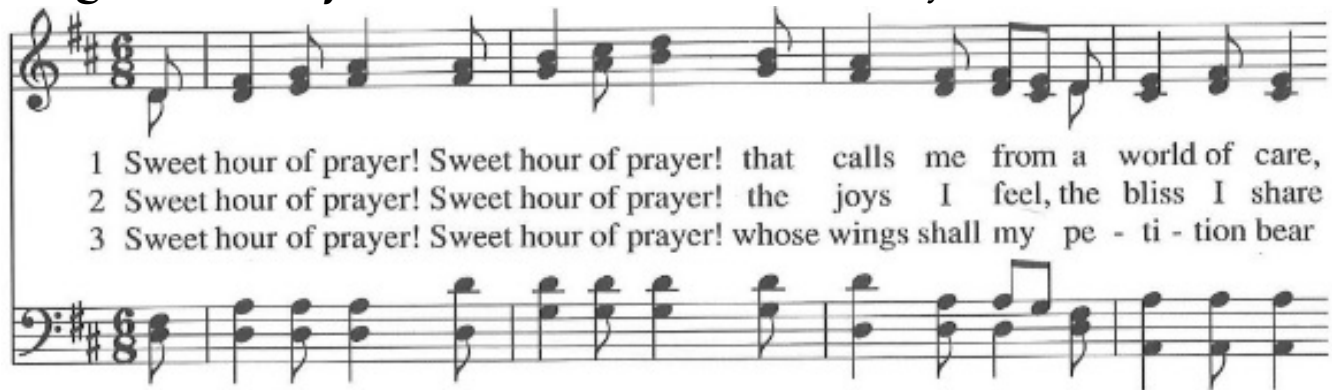
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

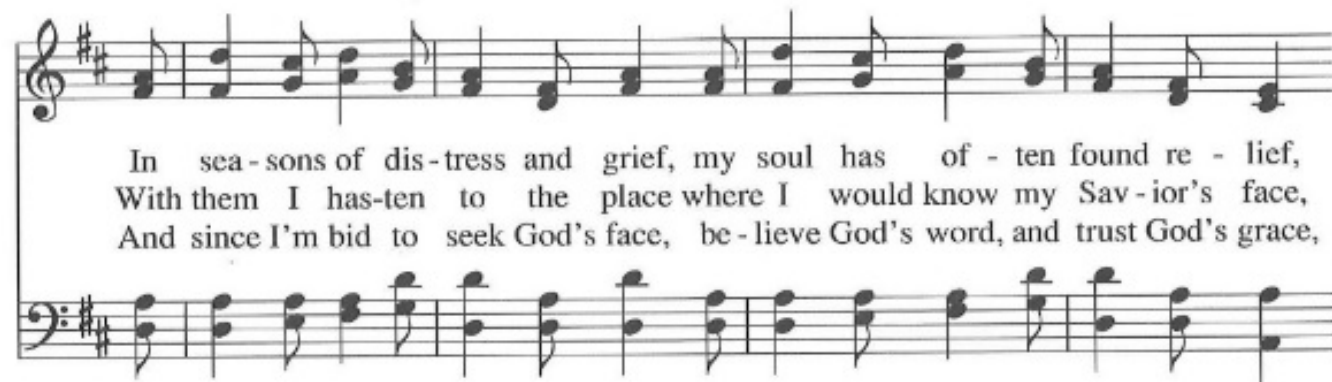
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



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

“Blessed Assurance”

NCH 473

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy Fletcher

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

Wendy Ware, Chris Sheehan and Jarod Taylor

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Steph Heneghan

This afternoon – don't miss it!

Geoff Kaufman live in concert on Sunday May 19 at 6pm

(a family-friendly start time!)

*Continue celebrating Earth Day and join us in celebrating
the waters of the Earth in song.*

Lively music, sing-alongs, and displays celebrating the waters of our world.

Snacks will be served at intermission.

FREE and open to the public (a free will offering will be taken).



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: Bonfish 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 19

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:00am Church School
5:00pm Earth Day concert!

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall

May 20

7:00pm Women's AA
7:00pm Bonsai Group

Monday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

May 21

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

Tuesday

Fiorilli

May 22

11:00am Little Scholars
7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

May 23

7:00pm Fair Committee
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

May 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday



20	Judy Milles
21	Karen Hoffman
21	Emily Grandell
21	Megan Grandell
22	Louise Butts
24	Jackson McNally
25	Lisa Eleck

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTO YET???

We are overhauling our church directory into a photo directory. Please—today—email a photo to the church office. Photos can be casual or formal. 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 and email it to: office@rhccucc.org. If you don't have a digital photo, drop off a printed photo to the office.



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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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