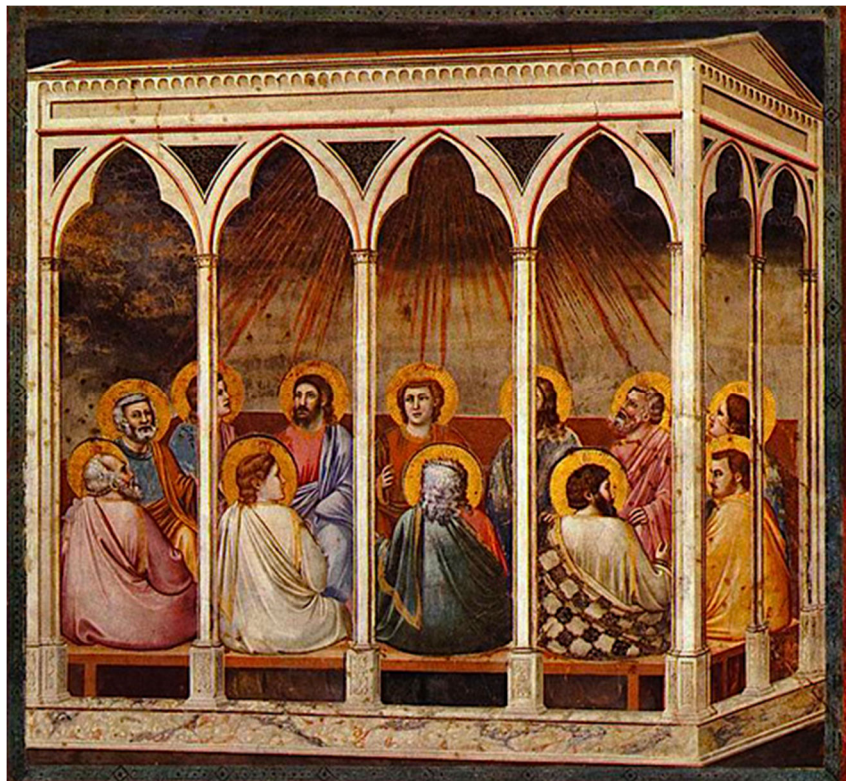


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**May 20, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Confirmation**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*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.*

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## 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.***

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## INTROIT

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”  
The Choir

Freylinghausen

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Barry Wilcock

L: The Spirit descends like a dove,  
Bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

**All: The Spirit comes like a breath,  
Bringing life to renew the people of God.**

L: The Spirit spreads like fire,  
Bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**All: Spirit of the living God,  
Come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

## \*HYMN

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

NCH 391

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.  
**Bold type denotes collective response**

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

We thank you, compassionate God, that you sent your Spirit to encourage those whom Jesus left behind that they might not be alone. Through the comfort of your presence, you empowered them to witness to your love. Today we also seek the encouragement of your presence. Do not leave us alone, O God, but send your Spirit to us that we may worship and serve you with joy. 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**

**“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**

**ANTHEM**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”  
The Choir

Akers/Christopher

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

NT Pew Bible p119

**SERMON**

“Reflections on Confirmation”

*Our confirmands will be presenting the sermon this morning,  
offering their reflections on what they have learned during the last year.*

**\*HYMN**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PH 68

**ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION**

Insert

**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 Solo**

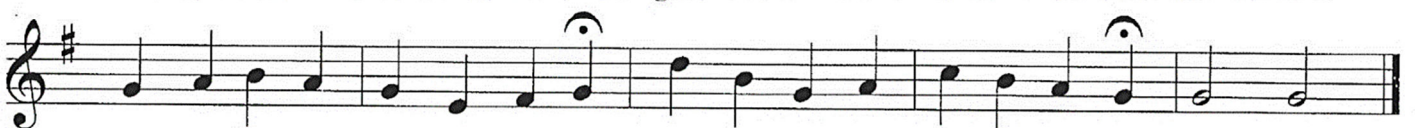
“Holy Manna”  
Gail Hall, clarinet

Setting by Richard Nichols

**\*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)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes with some ties. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line.

**Pastoral and Silent Prayer**

**\*HYMN**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

NCH 386

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Variations from Organ Concerto Op. 4, No. 1”

Handel

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**LITURGIST**

Barry Wilcock

**USHERS**

Deb Copes and Steve Smith, Dave Sageman, Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

In Reach

*The Tower is lit this week  
In Loving Memory of Nancy Pawlich  
by Uncle Rich, Aunt Mary and Cousin Rick*



*Today’s Hymns were requested by:  
In the Midst of New Dimensions (Bob Inderbitzen)  
I Sing the Might Power of God (Frank Vann)  
The Church’s One Foundation (Jean Goff)  
Thank you for sharing your favorite hymns!*



During our Worship Service today, the confirmands will be welcomed into membership of the church. Confirmation is an acknowledgement by both the individual and faith community of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. 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.

# STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



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. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. 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.

PROUD  
NEW  
GRANDPA

Are you a new great-grandfather? Please let us add you to our list of wonderful men who have become great-grandfathers, and we will be honoring you during worship on Father’s Day. Contact the office at 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



Reminder to all Council Members and Board and Committee Chairs.

Last call for Annual Reports! If you did not submit your report, please do so **no later than May 21** at [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) Thank you.

#### KEY DATES

The Report will be printed on May 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Annual Report will be distributed on Sunday, June 10

The Annual Meeting will take place after worship on **June 17**



Rev. Craig will be on Study Leave from May 21-29. He will be attending a national conference for pastors in Washington, D.C. called “Festival of Homiletics” (The art of the Homily). Rev. John Afman will lead worship on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. For pastoral concerns during this time, contact the church office to be connected with a covering minister.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday May 24 and Friday May 25. The bulletin for May 27 will be printed on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

OUT OF  
OFFICE



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](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



**Rocky Hill Historical Society invites you to their Annual Meeting  
Thursday, May 24 – 6pm**

featuring “How Old Are We Now?” an old-fashioned radio play  
written and performed by RHHS members.

Methodist Church 623 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill.

May 24 Social @6:00pm Hot Buffet @6:30pm \$10 donation.

Rsvp 860-563-6704 or [infoRHhistory@gmail.com](mailto:infoRHhistory@gmail.com)



**Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft Fair!**

**Saturday June 2, 2018, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Free Admission & Free Parking

We will have a wide variety of Independent Craft Vendors in Chapin Hall  
and outside on our lawn.

The snack bar will be open for refreshments!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9 – TAG SALE**

The Church of St. Andrew the Apostle will hold their parish-wide tag sale on June 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Stop by and check it out! The Church of St. Andrew the Apostle, 331 Orchard Street, Rocky  
Hill, [office@thechurchofstandrew.org](mailto:office@thechurchofstandrew.org) 860.529.7622

# 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 20

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26



### MAY 21

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

### Monday

Fiorilli Rm  
Sanctuary

### May 22

*Rev. Craig Study Leave this week*

7:00pm **Cedar Hollow**  
7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Fiorilli  
Room 6

### May 23

9:00am **LSP**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary

### May 24

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30am Music Together  
7pm Events Cmte  
7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Room 22  
Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall

20 Judy Milles  
21 Karen Hoffman  
21 Emily Grandell  
21 Megan Grandell  
22 Louise Butts  
24 Jackson McNally  
25 Bob Hamilton  
25 Lisa Eleck  
27 Doug Elliot

### May 25

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Friday

Rev Craig will be on study leave this week, May 21-25. For pastoral concerns, contact the church office to be connected with the covering minister.



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

If you 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!

**Thank you Veterans!**

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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing [ccowing@rhccucc.org](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

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