

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**May 24, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost**

~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

“Largo”

by Handel

Victoria Bower, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Speers

Scream, shout, and let it all out;

God's voice is upon us.

Be quiet, don't deny it:

even in the smallest whispers God's spirit is upon us.

God calls us out.

Let us pour out our spirits, in this time of worship.

God is here.

*HYMN

“This Is The Day”

New Century (Black) 84

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

Living God,
you have given us so much, you have blessed us.
But sometimes we take things for granted,
we resist change because we are scared,
and we are in need of some disturbing.
Send your Holy Spirit, like a rushing wind.
Draw us close together,
open us to your wonderful diversity,
birth us into new possibilities,
and unite us in your name.
Spirit we have heard you calling,
let your fire burn within us,
until the one day when we dance in endless union.
Open us to your presence,
as we pray as Jesus has taught us, 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**

(This will be sung in Spanish first, followed by English.)

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F C Am F G7 C
cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

ANTHEM

“Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling”

by Thew Elliott

Victoria Bower, Soloist

*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!

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

“Stories of Calling”

The Confirmands

***HYMN**

“God, When I Came into This Life”

New Century (Black) 354

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Brian Speers

*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

“MLK”

by U2

Bob Inderbitzen, Soloist

<i>Sleep</i>	<i>If the thunder cloud</i>
<i>Sleep tonight</i>	<i>Passes rain</i>
<i>And may your dreams</i>	<i>So let it rain, let it rain</i>
<i>Be realized</i>	<i>Rain on him</i>

Mmm, mmm, mmm
So let it be
Mmm, mmm, mmm
So let it be

*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

Tyler Morgan

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“In The Midst Of New Dimensions”

New Century (Black) 391

*BENEDICTION

Louis DiRenzo

POSTLUDE

“One Day”

by Matisyahu

USHERS

Denise and Bob Carberry, Julia O'Connor and Steph Heneghan

**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
Eleanor Mahar**

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for **Sunday, June 7, 2014** immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2015 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2015-16 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To hear a report of progress of the Settled Pastor Search Committee.
4. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
5. To conduct any additional business to come before the congregation.
6. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted;

Marsha Hoffman, Clerk

NEWSLETTER MAILING

The June **CHURCH MOUSE** will be mailed this **Tuesday, May 26.**

Join a terrific speedy group of mailers in the Fiorilli Room
beginning around 9:30am.

Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can.

Refreshments are served.

ALL WELCOME!

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

Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

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

There is no church school today. Please remain in worship for Confirmation Sunday.

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)!

June 14, 5 PM – 7:30 PM. Join us for our last youth group of the year. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 10, with Meghan Young at Meghan@rhccucc.org.

AID FOR NEPAL

The April 2015 earthquake in Nepal killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 19,000. It was the worst earthquake to strike Nepal in over 80 years. United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is present on the ground in Nepal, working through our partners in the ACT Alliance, providing food, water, and shelter. Those who survived the quake will need support for many years to come. The Board of Missions voted to send \$500 to UCC, Wider Church Ministries in support of the Nepal earthquake victims. The Board of Missions will also match additional church contributions up to \$500. Please write Nepal Fund in the memo line of any checks. See Kari McCaw-Blaise for any questions.

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.



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.

Today is the ordering deadline for scrip that is not kept in inventory. Cards ordered this weekend will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 31. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall following morning worship, or emailed to treasurer@rhccucc.org by Monday night (as the order will actually be placed on Tuesday morning, due to the holiday).

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, TGI Fridays

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

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,

Tomorrow 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



On June 14th, we will celebrate and acknowledge all our members who have graduated from high schools, colleges and post college degree programs. Please notify the office at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org of anyone to be recognized and supply the institution and degree earned.

Second Hour Conversation With HANDS ON HARTFORD Sunday May 31st After Fellowship

Please join us for a presentation by our friends at Hands on Hartford where they will be discussing a building project that is underway for their brand new home in the Parkville section of Hartford! This is an exciting time to be partners with this great organization. Please come to learn more about all that is going on with them.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

May 24

10:00am **Worship/Confirmation** Sanctuary
2:30pm Wedding Sanctuary
4:00pm Tamil Sangam Rms 22, 23, 24, 25

Sunday

May 25

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA Chapin Hall

Monday

May 26

NEWSLETTER MAILING

6:00pm Community Event

Tuesday

May 27

9:30am **Quilters** Rm. 6.
7:30pm **Adult Choir** Choir Room

Wednesday

May 28

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

Thursday

May 30

9:00am Yoga with Lynn Chapel

Saturday

Happy Birthday



May 24 Jackson McNally
25 Bob Hamilton
Lisa Eleck
James McLean
27 Priscilla Lexa
Douglas Elliot
28 Don Pagnucco
Stephanie Kelley
29 James DeGiovanni
30 Robin Welch

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.



For more details contact
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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

Interim Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka brenda@rhccucc.org

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