

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**May 26, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

# ~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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## INTROIT

“More Love To Thee, O Christ”

The Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Doretta Andonucci

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

**All: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

**All: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence as we remember all the saints who have come before us.

**All: We thank God for our forebears in the faith who persevered.**

## \*HYMN

“My Hope Is Built”

NCH 403

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

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, you desire peace for all of your children,  
yet we know that we have not done all that is possible  
to promote peace and justice in our world.

We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies.

Empower us to work for your reign in this world, and  
welcome us by your grace into your realm in the next,  
that all might experience your peace and justice.

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 part of the musical notation is for the phrase "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The phrase is repeated twice.

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

The second part of the musical notation is for the phrase "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.". It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The phrase is written once.

## 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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 Be In My Head”  
The Choir

David Fawcett

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 14:23-29

Pew Bible NT p108

**SERMON**

“Peace Not as the World Gives”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“My Faith it is an Oaken Staff”

NCH 418

## 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

#### \*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

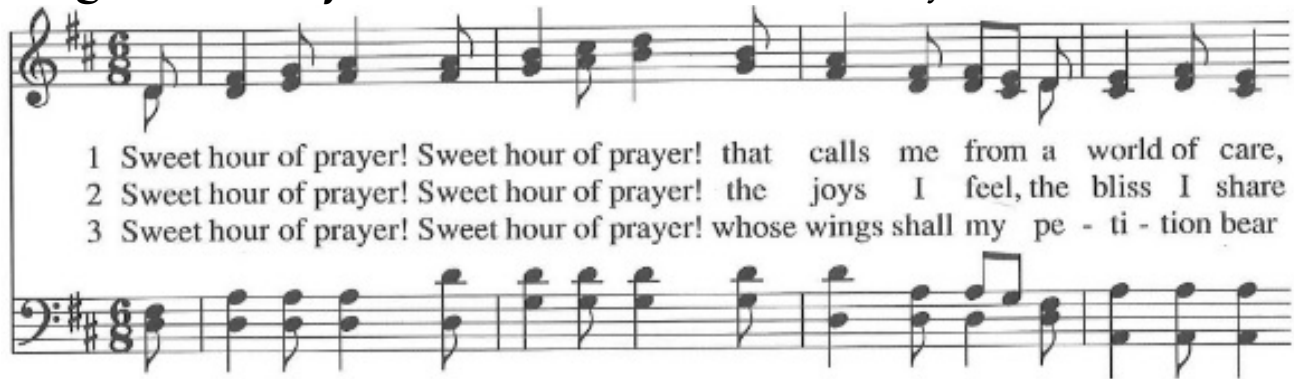
## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Joys & Concerns

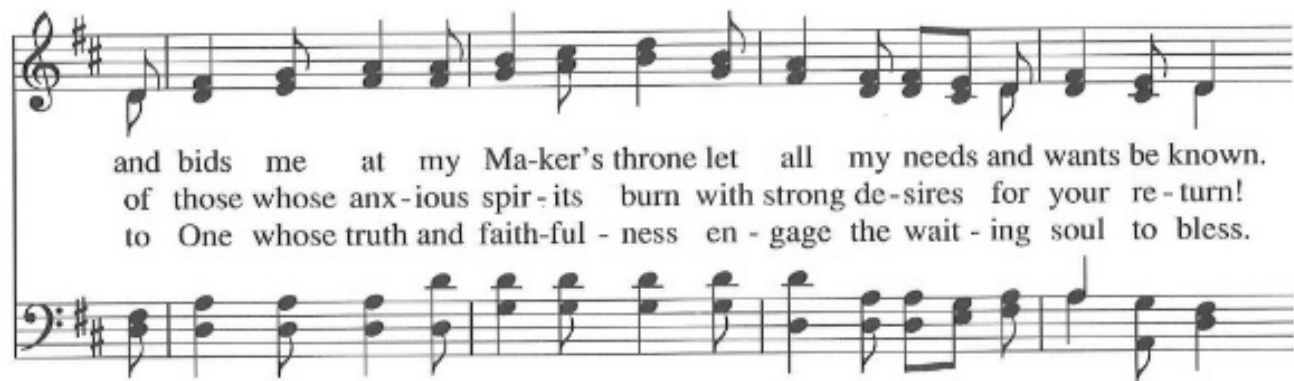
# Sung Call to Prayer

## “Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

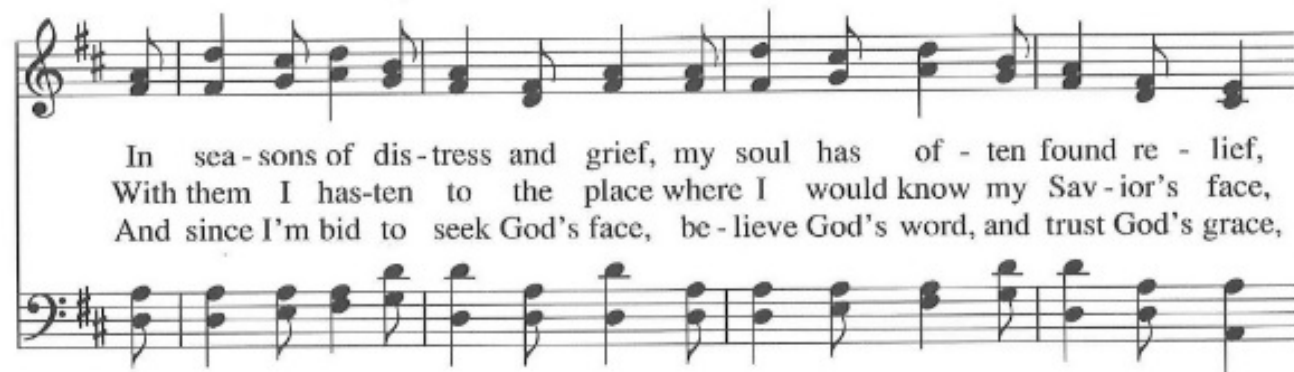
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion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

## BENEDICTION

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## \*POSTLUDE

## LITURGIST

Donna Andonucci

## USHERS

Marge Murk, Wendy Ware and Bob Carberry

## HOSPITALITY

Ruth Jensen and Jeannie Alessi

*The tower is lit this week in loving memory of Mary Carpenter  
by Sue VanNess, Cheryl Hummel, and Jenn Martin.*

*Today's Altar Flowers have been given  
In memory and honor for all those who have served our country.*



*Wishing you a beautiful Memorial Day weekend;  
during which time we remember and honor our country's brave men and women in the  
military, as well as the many veterans who have served.*

## Calling All Graduates!

Are you graduating from High School or College this spring? Or have already graduated earlier this year? We would like to recognize your accomplishment in June during worship. Please contact the office at 860-529-4167 or

[office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



*thankful  
grateful  
blessed*

With sadness the congregation said goodbye to **Linda Tokarski** with best wishes for the next step in her life journey as she moves to Virginia to be with near her family. We are thankful for her many years of service and fellowship and she will be greatly missed in the life of the church for her many contributions. Her new address is: 504 Hamilton Circle, Front Royal, Virginia

## CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 16, 2019 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

- 1) To receive and act upon the 2019 reports of Ministries.
- 2) To vote on any revisions to the 2019-2020 budget as presented at the Budget and Elections Meeting.
- 3) To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
- 4) To approve amendments to the Constitution as presented.
- 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, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Hilaire Leavitt, Clerk

Copies of the proposed amended church constitution are available in the narthex, in the parish house hallway (across from the office), and in Chapin Hall. This proposal will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 16, 2019. If you would prefer to receive a digital copy (pdf format), please contact Dave Hall at [treasurer@rhccucc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhccucc.org).

The Annual Report will be distributed on Sunday, June 9.



### A reminder about holding meetings from your Facilities Team:

1. Contact the Church Office to check whether the space is available and to add to the calendar.
2. After the meeting, do a little cleanup, leaving the space clean for the next group.
3. Turn off lights and lock the room door if appropriate.
4. For evening meetings also check that bathroom lights and hallway lights are off and the exterior door is locked.



Our Annual Country Fair will be held on Saturday, October 19. The Fair Committee is looking for donations of all types. Contact Ruth Jensen or the office for a list, or see the board in Chapin Hall. Drop off during office hours. Thank you!



## 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, 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

**Today (May 26) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory.** Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, June 2. After today, the next order will not be placed until July 14 (with delivery on July 21). 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 26

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

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26

### May 27

OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day  
7:00pm Women's AA

### Monday

Fiorilli

### May 28

9:30am NEWSLETTER MAILING

### Tuesday

Fiorilli

### May 29

7:30pm Choir

### Wednesday

Choir Loft

### May 30

10:00am Little Scholars Graduation  
7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Chapin Hall  
Chapin Hall

### May 31

Craft Fair set up

### Friday

Chapin Hall

### June 1

### Saturday



28 Don Pagnucco  
28 Stephanie Kelley  
29 Jim DeGiovanni  
30 Robin Welch

### NEWSLETTER MAILING

Tuesday, May 28 – 9:30am  
in the Fiorilli Room.

Thanks to our loyal volunteers  
who help prep the newsletter for  
the mailing. Any one can stop in.  
Join us!



## **Join us for our 3rd Annual Craft Fair On Saturday June 1, 9:00am -1:00pm**



Come and enjoy a wide variety of independent crafters and vendors offering many wonderful items for sale! There will be refreshments for sale, and booths inside in air-conditioned Chapin Hall and also outside on our lawn (weather permitting). All are welcome to attend. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping!

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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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