

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**May 27, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Trinity Sunday**

# ~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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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

Leader: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.

Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

**People: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due. Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness.

**People: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning,  
we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and  
understanding.**

## \*HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

PH 363

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

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

O God of Mystery,  
Within your very self you model the beloved community.  
You are the Wisdom within our hearts,  
The Word who dwells among us,  
The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves.  
Let us know your presence here today  
In a new way, that we might celebrate your love  
and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah,  
saying: "Here am I. Send me."

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**

## 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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 46

OT Pew Bible p517

Romans 8:17-28

NT Pew Bible p158

### SERMON

“Be Still! Cease Fire! Know God!”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

“Some Glad Morning”

NCH 595

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Afman 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

## \*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)

Musical notation for the first part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) in 3/4 time. The melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

Musical notation for the second part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It is written on two staves (treble and bass clefs) in 3/4 time. The melody is: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3. The lyrics are: I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

## \*HYMN

“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”

PH 440

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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**GUEST MINISTER**

Rev. Dr. John Afman

**LITURGIST**

Don-Tomis Leonhardt

**USHERS**

Victoria Bower, Kim Burghoff, Marge Murk

**HOSPITALITY**

InReach

Today's Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of our country's brave men and women in the military, as well as honoring the many veterans who have served.

*The Tower is lit this week  
In Honor of Grace Nicolini  
by Deanne Accardo*



Thanks to Rev. Dr. John Afman for leading worship today. He has been a settled pastor in upstate New York, Valley Forge, Pa., Kensington, Connecticut and Hartford, Connecticut, as well as serving as interim pastor in conference churches. A second career has been as a marriage and family therapist, including the teaching of counseling courses at CCSU. He and his wife, Sue, live in Cheshire.



### HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167)

### WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings and written bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on our NEW church website, [www.RockyHillUCC.org](http://www.RockyHillUCC.org), or you may contact the office to request an audio CD.



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.



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!



*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 (weather permitting)*

*The snack bar will be open for refreshments!*



## Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Thank you to everyone who generously participated in our Congregation's Team by donating and walking! On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we joined more than 3,500 people in the walk in Hartford to raise funds for Foodshare, which serves over 121,000 individuals with food insecurity in Hartford and Tolland counties. One in eight people in greater Hartford lack consistent access to an adequate food supply. This number includes over 34,000 children.

*Thanks to the support and participation of our congregation,  
we raised \$6,185 to help our neighbors in need.*

THANK YOU from the Board for Missions: Anita Hawkins, Heather Collins, Marge Murk, Elaine Sellenberg, Sue Speers and Sue Chatfield.

**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)

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)



## 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

Wed. June 13 at 9:00am - Breakfast Club at Bob's Coffee Shop, 33 New Britain Ave, Rocky Hill. Members of RHCC meet once a month, on the second Wednesday. Join us for coffee and fellowship!



# 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 27

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**  
2:00pm Parade Viewing`

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26  
Church Lawn



### MAY 28

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

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

### Monday

Fiorilli Rm  
Sanctuary

### May 29

9:30am NEWSLETTER MAILING  
7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Fiorilli Rm  
Room 6

### May 30

7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Sanctuary

### May 31

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

### Thursday

Room 22  
Chapin Hall

### JUNE 1

Craft Fair Set-up

### Friday

Chapin Hall

### JUNE 2

**RHCC Craft Fair!**

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Come to our Craft Fair!

### Saturday

Chapin Hall

May 27 Doug Elliot  
28 Don Pagnucco  
28 Stephanie Kelley  
29 Jim DeGiovanni  
30 Robin Welch  
June 1 Harry Schmidt  
1 Zachary Rupaka  
2 Eric Jokl

Church Mouse Mailing  
Tuesday, May 29 in the  
Fiorilli Room  
9:30am.  
All are welcome to join us!



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- *The snack bar will be open for refreshments!*
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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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