

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**June 2, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Communion 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.***

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## INTROIT

“Santo, Santo, Santo”  
The Choir

Argentina

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rob Grandell

L: God rules the Earth with justice:

All: **Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

L: All nature serves God:

All: **Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

L: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

All peoples behold God's glory:

All: **Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

L: Delight in God, O coastlands and heartlands;

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones:

All: **Earth and Earth's people rejoice!**

## \*HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

NCH 386

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

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

**Mysterious God,  
You reveal yourself in Jesus,  
who gives us a glimpse of your glory  
and invites us to share in the unity of all that is holy:  
the holiness that is You, your creation, your people,  
united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear  
and injustice. Meet us here today and teach us to be one:  
One in love for each other  
One in love for creation  
One in understanding with all who find in Jesus the Way to You  
One in peace with all who find other paths to your truth.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus, 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,

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

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 17:20-26

Pew Bible NT p111

**SERMON**

“That They May All Be One”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

NCH 332

**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 Anthem**

“Ave Verum”

Mozart

The Choir

**\*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**

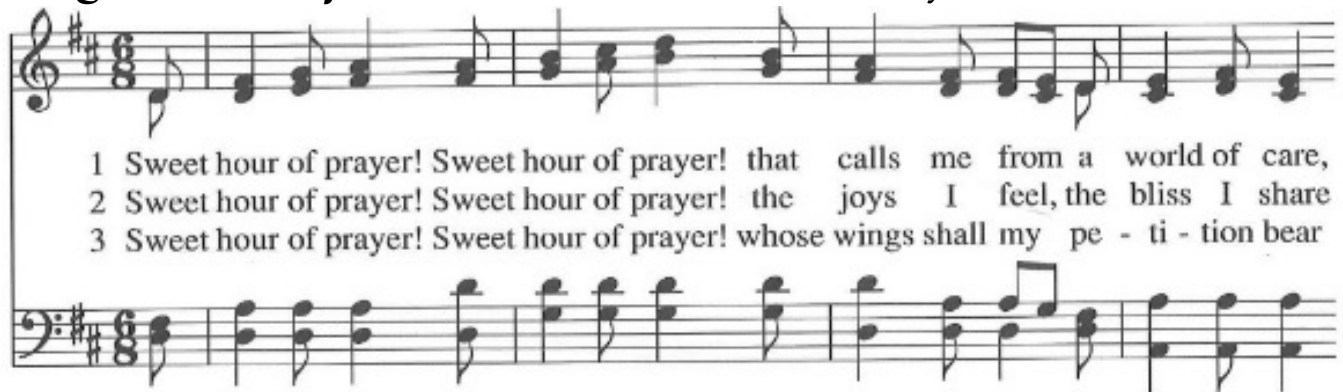
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Joys & Concerns**

# Sung Call to Prayer

## “Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

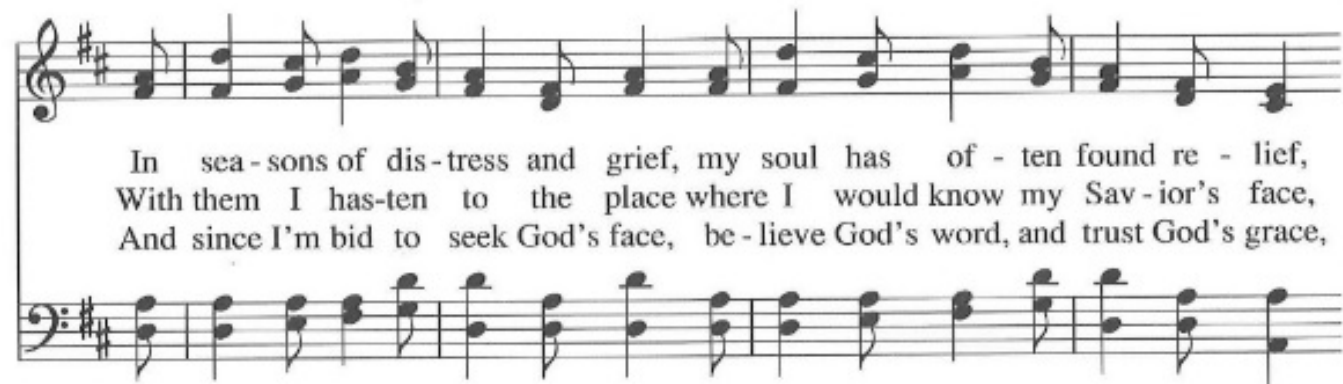
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion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

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*This church practices open Communion; all are welcome to participate, regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation.*

### Prayer of Confession

L: God's invitation to us thirsty people is clear: "Come to the waters of life."

All: **Everyone is thirsty!**

L: "Let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'"

All: **Everyone is thirsty!**

L: "So let everyone who is thirsty come!"

All: **Everyone is thirsty!**

L: Let all who are thirsty take the water of life as a gift.

All: **The water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

L: O God, the waters of life are your gift, in trust for us all.

And yet we are so often careless with that precious gift,

and render your waters undrinkable,

unable to support your precious life on land, in animals, in people.

We turn fresh water into a commodity, and sell it to those in need.

All: **But everyone is thirsty, and the water of life is a gift!**

L: Forgive us for abusing and hoarding and selling your water.

Remind us that part of our human oneness is thirst for life-sustaining water.

Empower us to advocate just practices for all who are thirsty:

All: **For the water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

*Silent Prayer*

## **Words of Assurance**

In Christ we are forgiven and refreshed and empowered to celebrate all God's good gifts and to share them in justice and peace:

**All: For the water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

## **Invitation**

## **Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution**

## **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*This morning, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words "The bread of life" and "The cup of blessing." If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.*

## **Communion Music**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people.**

**Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving**

**for all the blessings you have given us**

**will fill empty hearts with love**

**and will proclaim your honor and glory**

**in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.**

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you (a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*



**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Rob Grandell

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Bob Carberry, Wendy Ware,  
Stephanie Hennigan, Bill Hoffman and Chris Sheehan

**USHERS**

Dave Sageman, Marge Murk and Michael Andonucci

**HOSPITALITY**

Sue VanNess and Bill and Jen Cordes

**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.

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

The Strengthen the Church Offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday June 9, 2019. It is an offering of the UCC that supports the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. Our god calls us to be the church in new ways. It will help in planting new churches, awakening new ideas in existing UCC churches and developing the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



## 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

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on July 14 (with delivery on July 21). 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

June 2

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

Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26



June 3

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Fiorilli

June 4

7:30pm Facilities

Tuesday

Fiorilli

June 5

7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Choir Loft

June 6

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

June 7

Friday

1	Harry Schmidt
1	Zachary Rupaka
2	Eric Jokl
4	Alexander Gau
6	John Van Epps
7	Linda Marchand
8	Thomas Kainamura



**Children's Sunday will be on June 9** and the children will be taking part in worship that day. During the summer, we will offer church school every other week, starting June 16 (so, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25).

Children's  
Worship



Calling All Graduates! We would like to recognize your accomplishment on **June 9** during worship. Please contact the office at 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

We extend an invitation to all Great-grandfathers to worship with us Father's Day on **June 16**, during this worship we will proudly recognize our great-grandfathers of the church. In honor of Father's Day, InReach is offering Brownie Sundaes during Coffee Hour. All are welcome!



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Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

**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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