

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 3, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion**

~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** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is available downstairs in Room 4.*

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.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doretta Andonucci

L: Our God, you have searched me and known me.

You discern my thoughts from afar.

All: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.

L: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

All: Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

L: Let us worship God!

All; Let us worship God and give thanks!

(**Bold type denotes collective response**)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

O God who commands us to take sabbath,
in the midst of the world
you call us deep into your mystery of love.

You offer us precious time-out-of-time
to immerse ourselves in your abundant life,
and refresh us in your vision of wholeness for all.

Meet us here as we take sabbath,
and show us again the goodness of all you have made.
Let our sabbath restore our hope and
strengthen our courage to follow Jesus,
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

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the musical score. The first stanza is a four-part setting of the opening line. The second and third stanzas are four-part settings of the following lines. The fourth stanza is a four-part setting of the final line, which includes a repeat sign at the end.

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



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: 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

Mark 2:21-3:6

NT (Pew Bible) p36

SERMON

"People Matter More Than Rules"

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

NCH 547

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down 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

*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;



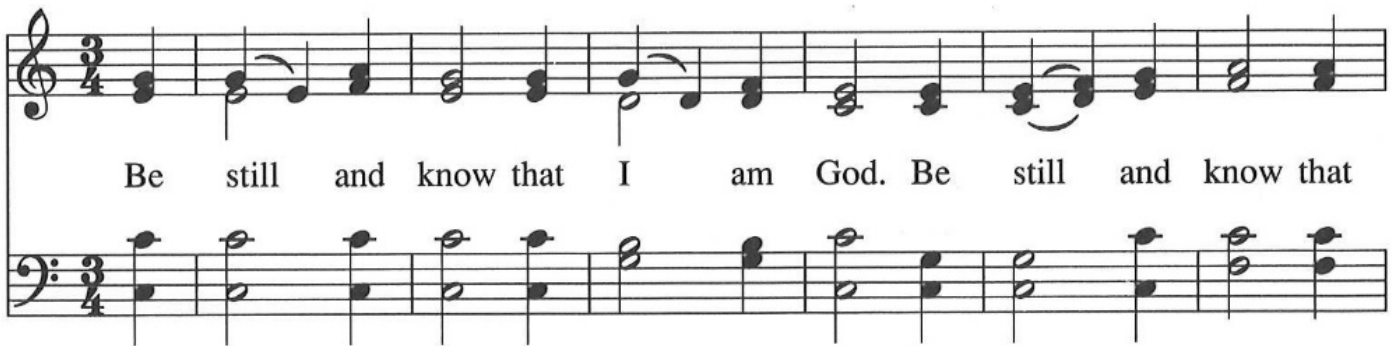
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*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



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

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

L: When we shape our lives with no rest, no reflection,
no prayer, no “Space for Grace”

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: When we perpetuate systems
which depend on unrelenting labor of the poor,
and do not advocate for living wages and balanced work and rest for all

All: Christ, have mercy.

L: When we wear out our precious Earth home with practices
that do not sustain abundant life for all

All: Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Assurance of Grace

L: All who follow Jesus Christ, ruler of the Sabbath,
receive this longed for invitation:
“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened,
and I will give you rest!”

**All: We rest in Christ’s forgiveness,
and are strengthened to work in love and justice.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership. This morning, we will have communion by Intinction. (Dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that the communicant receives both together.) Please come up through the center aisle to the front where the deacons will serve you. If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please tell a serving Deacon when you come up.

Invitation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God, we thank you for Jesus' invitation to this table where we find grace and forgiveness. Help us to take what we receive today into the world around us that we may be ambassadors of Christ. 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).*

*HYMN

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

PH 211

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Doretta Andonucci

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Steve Smith and Deb Copes, Wendy Ware

COMMUNION SERVERS

Chris Sheehan, Sarah DeGiovanni

Don Pagnucco, Stephanie Heneghan, Laurel Cole

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow and Ruth Jensen

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship in Chapin Hall.





NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 10!
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WILL BE HELD ON
DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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

**PROUD
NEW
GRANDPA**

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 to let us know your name and the accomplishment at 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org



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!



CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 17, 2018 immediately following worship in the Sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2017 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2018-19 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To vote on any changes to the report of the Nominating Committee.
4. To conduct any additional business to come before the congregation.
5. To remember and reflect on those members and friends of the church who have entered the Church Eternal from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tokarski, Clerk

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

June 3

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

June 4

11:00am **LSP Graduation**
7:00pm **Women's AA**
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

June 5

7:00pm **Ministry Teams**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

June 6

7:30pm **Choir**

June 7

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

June 8

June 9

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26,27

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli Rm
Sanctuary

Tuesday

Fiorilli Rm
Room 6

Wednesday

Sanctuary

Thursday

Room 22
Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday



2	Eric Jokl
4	Alexander Gau
6	John Van Epps
7	Linda Marchand
8	Thomas Kainamura
9	Samuel Dean-Lee
9	Julia O'Connor



**The Church Office will be
closed on
Monday, June 10.**

The office will be open on
Tuesday, June 11 from
9am-Noon.

UCC Conference June 11-12 - Our Office Manager will be out of the office June 11-12 attending the 50th Annual UCC Secretaries Gathering in Massachusetts.
The conference will include networking, seminars and worship.

RHCC ANNUAL REPORTS will be available in the Narthex on June 3, 10 and 17.
Our Annual Meeting will be held after worship on June 17.

Visit our new website! www.RockyHillUCC.org

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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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