

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**June 11, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Children's 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 down the hall 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

“Prelude in C”

J.S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alex Gau

Leader: Let us come together...

**People: ...to hear God's Word.**

Leader: Let us come together...

**People: ...to experience God's love.**

Leader: Let us come together...

**People: ...ready to be changed.**

Leader: Let us come together...

**People: ...to be God's loving and forgiving people.**

*Children's &  
Youth Ministry*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

**\*HYMN**

**“This Is The Day”**

Guitar Ensemble (Liz Reed-Swale; Nicolis Alessi, Violet Collins, Georgette Huie)

*This is the day                      (this is the day)*  
*That the Lord has made        (that the Lord has made)*  
*We will rejoice                    (we will rejoice)*  
*And be glad in it                (and be glad in it)*

**Together:**                      *This is the day that the Lord has made.*  
   *We will rejoice and be glad in it.*  
*This is the day                    (this is the day)*

**Together:**                      *That the Lord has made*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Jim Stevens

**Dear God,**  
**we come together today praising and thanking you for our lives.**  
**We bring our joys, such as when we are able to do fun things.**  
**We bring our sorrows, such as when we make mistakes and hurt**  
**ourselves and others. We bring our concerns: help us not to love**  
**money and stuff too much. We bring our hopes: help us to be brave**  
**and to love others as Jesus did. And it is in Jesus’ name that we pray**  
**the prayer he taught us by 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

NCH 765



1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible (NT) p 82

## SKIT:

“A Special News Report: Live From Jericho”

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders

## HOMILY

“I Have Changed”

Middle School Youth Group

## \*HYMN

“I’m Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing / Swing Low”

*I’m gonna sing, sing, sing.*

*I’m gonna shout, shout, shout.*

*I’m gonna sing; I’m gonna shout.*

*Praise the Lord!*

*When those gates are open wide,*

*I’m gonna be by Jesus’ side.*

*I’m gonna sing; I’m gonna shout.*

*Praise the Lord!*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,*

*Comin’ for to carry me home.*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,*

*Comin’ for to carry me home.*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to 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

“Creator I Adore You”

Church School Children and Liz Reed

*Creator, I adore you, lay my life before you: how I love you.*

*Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you: how I love you.*

*Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you: how I love you.*

## \*Doxology



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

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

## Prayer of Dedication

Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> graders

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

## BACCALAUREATE BLESSING

## RECOGNITION OF CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Joys & Concerns

## Sung Call to Prayer “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (verse 1) NCH 418

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee In clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the  
paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret, help me  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith sweet and  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly thou canst  
bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
give, With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

O Master, let me  
walk with thee  
In lowly paths of  
service free;  
Tell me thy secret,  
help me bear  
The strain of toil,  
The fret of care.  
A-men.

## Pastoral Prayer

### \*HYMN “Rejoice In the Lord Always”

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say “Rejoice!” (repeat)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again, I say “Rejoice!” (repeat)

## BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

## A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship leadership is provided today by the children and youth of the Church School. This year several of the units in church school focused on the prophetic word of God and how people's hearts and lives, including our own, can be transformed by welcoming God's Word, made known through Jesus, into our midst. The children offered their thoughts and reflections, and their words have been incorporated throughout today's worship service. The Call to Worship, for example, is almost verbatim from what the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders articulated.



### Teachers:

Candy Smith, Kristy Solie, Kathy Morgan, Sue Speers, Liz Pulling, Kari McCaw,  
Nancy Rolfe, Liz Reed-Swale, Christine Kainamura, Steph Heneghan,  
Sherry Silkowski, Jen Cordes, Sandy Gau

### Assistants:

Don Pagnucco, Marge Murk

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### LITURGIST

Alex Gau, Jim Stevens

### USHERS

Sarah DeGiovanni, Bobbie and Dave Hawkins, Wendy Ware

### HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Jeannie Alessi

*The tower is lit this week in loving memory of Marvie Baize*

*By Gail and Natalie Tine*



## JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11 - 10:00am Children's Sunday & Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 18 - 10:00am Worship, Baptism, Father's Day

Sunday, June 25 - 10:00am Worship

## **S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School Schedule**

June 11 - We will gather for an end-of-year pool party at the Morgans' house



June 18 - There will be no church school

June 25 - Summer Sunday School will begin (all grades together, every other Sunday)

July 2 - No church school

July 9 - Summer Sunday School

## Blessing of Graduates

**We thank** you for the gifts of you, our graduates; your excitement, your awesome wonder and curiosity, your open speech and encouraging words.

**Your contributions** have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

**As you step forward** into the world that awaits, we ask God to comfort your fears with the full knowledge of God's divine presence.

**Strengthen your resolve** to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.

**Guide your feet** as you move through life, protecting you from the pitfalls of darkness while you help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.



We ask this blessing upon each of them, In God's name.

AMEN AND ALLELUIA!



### CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for TODAY, June 11, 2017 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following items of business:

1. To receive and act upon the 2016 reports of Boards and Committees.
2. To vote on any revisions to the 2017-18 budget as presented at Budget and Elections meeting.
3. To hear a report on the proposed conference merger.
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, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted; Linda Tokarski, Clerk

### Father's Day Raffles - Connecticut Tigers or New Britain Bees

The Fair/Events Committee will hold a drawing for tickets to our local minor league baseball games: Tickets \$1.00 each, Or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held after worship on Father's Day Sunday.



Submission deadline for the July/August issue of The Church Mouse will be Thursday, June 15 and the mailing date will be TUESDAY, JUNE 27 from 9:30-11:30am. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



**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)

In honor of Father's Day, June 18, InReach committee will offer Brownie Sundaes during Coffee Hour after Worship. All are welcome!



If you are interested in helping with  
teaching Church School,  
please see Georgette or Steph Heneghan.





## HANDBELL CONCERT

*Featuring*

THE SHORELINE RINGERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM

We are delighted to host the Shoreline Ringers, a community handbell choir from southeastern Connecticut. Under the direction of Jane Nolan, this dynamic and energetic handbell choir is dedicated to musical excellence and handbell education through their exciting and uplifting performances. A Free will offering will benefit True Colors Organization. <https://www.ourtruecolors.org/> True Colors is a non-profit organization that works with other social service agencies, schools, organizations, and within communities to ensure that the needs of LGBT youth are both recognized and competently met.

Please plan to join us to hear this delightful concert!  
A reception will follow the performance in Chapin Hall.

*The RHCC.UCC Music Committee*

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### June 11

10:00am **Worship**  
10:00am **Childcare**  
11:00am **Annual Meeting**  
11:15am Coffee Hour  
1:30pm Member Private Party

### June 12

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### June 13

**Office Open 9am-Noon**  
7:15pm **Council**  
7:00pm Hearing Voices

### June 14

6:00pm Pilates w/ Caroline  
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

### June 15

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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

### June 16

**Tri-Con UCC Annual Meeting**

### June 17

**Tri-Con UCC Annual Meeting**  
7:00pm Handbell Concert  
Reception following Concert

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Sanctuary  
Chapin Hall  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Loft

### Tuesday

Fiorilli  
Room 25

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall  
Choir Room

### Thursday

Room 25  
Chapin Hall

### Friday

### Saturday

Sanctuary  
Chapin Hall



11	John Goff III
13	Mo Wyman
15	Robert Carberry

Congratulations to our newly  
Confirmed members!

Kaedryn Sarah Pulling  
Julia Rose O'Connor  
Francis James DiRenzo  
Emily Elizabeth McKenna

#### Mentors

Liz Reed-Swale  
Jim Stevens  
Candi Smith  
Sara DeGiovanni



#### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday – closed  
Tuesday – 9am – Noon  
Wednesday – 9am – 2pm  
Thursday – 9am-2pm  
Friday – 9am - Noon

Dear Good People of Rocky Hill Congregational Church,

Thank you. Thank you for the encouragement you gave me from the start of my journey toward ordination, for the prayers, hugs and words of encouragement. Thank you for the positive feedback you gave me after the times I have preached at the church. Thank you for being the welcoming community that you are.

And thank you for everything you did for my Ecclesiastical Council. For everyone who told me they could not be present but would keep me in prayer, I am grateful. For everyone who took the time to be in the pews during my council, it was so good to see you there supporting me. For all the members of Inreach and others who prepared the reception for our guests, it was a marvelous feast. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. Please know that when I reflect on my council and my time at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, I see faces of so many people who have been there for me. I have much to be grateful for!

Reverend Bridget Fidler, at my Ecclesiastical Council, stated that this congregation played a large part in my process toward ordination. How right she is! You have been an essential part of my journey! I am truly blessed!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lisa Eleck

*thankful  
grateful  
blessed*

### WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

# 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
- 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, Olive Garden, 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, Toys R Us, Walmart

Today is the deadline to order gift cards that are not stocked in inventory.

A comprehensive listing of all available retailers can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall. Cards ordered by today will be available for pickup on June 18. The next ordering deadline will be in late July.

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



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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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