

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community

perhaps
this is the
moment
for which you
have been
created

ESTHER 4:14

June 14, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Pentecost
S.P.I.R.I.T. Worship

~ 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available downstairs in Room 4.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

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 pastors 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 pew racks (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.

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"
Jesus Loves Me Band

PreK - 1 Grade Class

CALL TO WORSHIP

2nd-3rd Grade Class

Today we gather in our place of worship;
we are thankful for this time together.

Today we are surrounded by God's love;
we are thankful for this world God has created.

Today we see the love of our church;
**we are thankful for the
friends, family, and loved ones in this church.**

*HYMN

"Peace Like a River"
Liz Reed-Swale, Guitar Accompaniment

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

2nd-3rd Grade Class

The Spirit of God guides us through this world.

Let us open our hearts and minds,
to God's guidance.

We are all God's people
no matter how different we may seem.

We are the same.

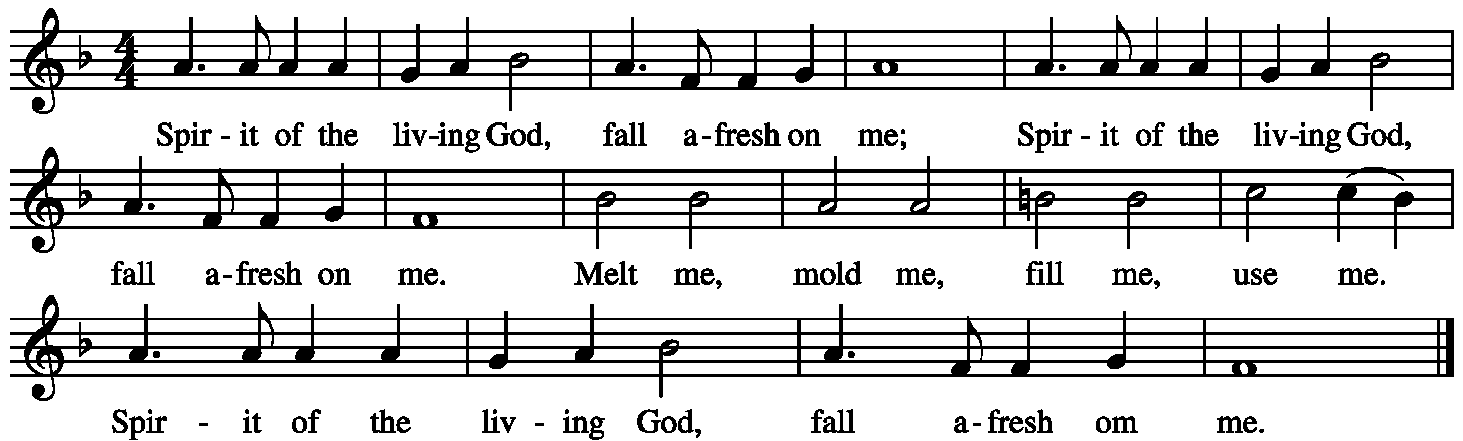
We are all one in our faith,
as we pray as Jesus teaches us, saying,

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:



Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv-ing God,
fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh om me.

ANTHEM

"Everyone is Welcome in The Circle"

by Liz Reed-Swale
printed in bulletin

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Selections from Esther
6th-8th Grade Class

SERMON

"This is the Moment"

6th-8th Grade Class

*HYMN

"I Wanna Be Somebody"

printed in bulletin

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) will come to the center aisle to receive prayer request cards.

Invitation to the Offering

2nd-3rd Grade Class

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

"I Adore You"

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*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

2nd-3rd Grade Class

TEACHER RECOGNITION

Board for Faith Formation

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Board of Deacons

Danielle Berry

Gregson Curtin

Thompson P. Hunt

James Rolfe

John Speers

Jillian Fulda Maynard

BACCALAUREATE BLESSING

Michael Bower

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.

Bless these graduates as they now finish their course of study.

We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.

Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.

Strengthen their many talents and skills.

Instill in our graduates a confidence in the future you plan where the knowledge they have gained will be used for the good of all people.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

4th-5th Grade Class

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine”

printed in bulletin

***BENEDICTION**

PreK-1 Grade Class

***POSTLUDE**

GREETERS AND USHERS

Pre-K -1 Grade Class

HOSPITALITY

The Board for Faith Formation and In-Reach

A NOTE ABOUT CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUNDAY

Worship leadership is provided today by the children and youth of the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School. This year one of the units in church school focused on Heroes of the Bible. We explored what it means to be a hero in the eyes of God. God uses ordinary, often unlikely, people, to do extraordinary things. The children and youth, have reflected on what it means to be a hero and the call each of us have to be heroes, and have written and selected all parts of today's worship service.

**The flowers are given in honor of
Don and Polly Pagnucco's wedding anniversary.**

"STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH"

The Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the UCC will be today. As God calls our congregation to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



The RHCC church family extends congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the following 2015 graduates: **Danielle Berry** (Middletown High School). **Gregson Curtin** (Xavier High School) cum laude. **Thompson P. Hunt** (The George Washington University) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Structural Engineering. **Jillian Fulda Maynard** (Univ. of Rhode Island) with a Masters in History, Masters in Library Science. **James Rolfe** (Rocky Hill High School). **John Speers** (Rocky Hill High School).

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 28, 2015 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Settled Pastor Search Committee to call [name redacted for internet version of bulletin] as our settled Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner
Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell

*S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming for preK – 5th Grade will begin on Sunday, July 12.
Programming will also be available on July 26, August 9, and August 23.*

NOAH'S TABLE (6th-12th Grade) – End of Year Gathering! - TONIGHT

June 14, 5 PM – 7:30 PM. Join us for our last gathering of the program year. Come for dinner, a lip sync battle, a climb to the top of the church, and a time of saying goodbye. Please RSVP with Meghan Young at Meghan@rhccucc.org.

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING UP SOON!!



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| June 21 | 10 a.m. | Pastor Meghan's last Sunday – special worship and reception |
| June 26 | 5 p.m. | All Church dinner with [name redacted], pastoral candidate |
| | 7 p.m. | Coffeehouse concert with Bobby Jo Valentine |
| June 27 | 11 – 2 | Brunch for committees, boards and Council members with [name redacted] at home of Steph Heneghan |
| June 28 | 10 a.m. | Candidating Sunday – special congregational meeting |

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning June 30th – August 31st

Office hours will be
Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and Fridays

Messages may be left on voice mail which will be checked frequently.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A NAMETAG



Wearing a nametag is a very important way to let people know who you are, especially for our newer members, visitors, or folks who haven't been back in a while. And with new staff coming on board in the coming months, this will be all the more important! Please remember to wear your nametag every

Sunday! "But I don't have a nametag!" you say. That is easily fixed. Simply contact Mitsey in the church office at office@rhccucc.org or 860-529-4167 and one will be created just for you! Or you can see me after church! I'll be wearing my nametag!

Michael Bower, Deacon

HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall**, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167).

You may either bring your flowers (purchased or self arranged) or you may order from the Root System, 860-529-2777 – who will deliver directly to the church. If using the Root System, please let Kathy or Kim know so delivery can be arranged.

If you have questions – please call Kathy Moser 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.

After the service, you can leave your flowers to be delivered to shut-ins or take them with you.



Join Us for A

Coffee House Concert

featuring

Bobby Jo Valentine

June 26, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Admission: A free will offering will
be collected.

Join us in Chapin Hall for this casual coffee house
(coffee, soft drinks, snacks & desserts will be
served) for a special evening with master lyricist
and performer **Bobby Jo Valentine**.

**Dubbed "The nicest guy ever to pick up an
acoustic guitar" by LA Weekly**, he is a favorite
among Open and Affirming UCC churches, and
has developed a loyal following with warm, inviting
melodies and lyrics filled with depth and hope.

Invite your friends and family for this exciting event!



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.

The next ordering deadline (for cards not kept in inventory) will be June 21, which is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered by June 21 will be available for delivery on June 28.

We have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards 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
On the Border, TGI Fridays, Outback Steakhouse

Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,
Toys R Us, Walmart

See Gail Hall at 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 14

10:00am **S.P.I.R.I.T. Worship**
5:00pm **Noah's Table**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Chapin Hall

June 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00pm **Women's AA**

Monday

Chapin Hall

June 16

11:00am **Retired Clergy**

Tuesday

Parlor

June 17

9:30am **Quilters**
7:30pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday

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Choir Room

June 18

7:30pm **Men's AA**

Thursday

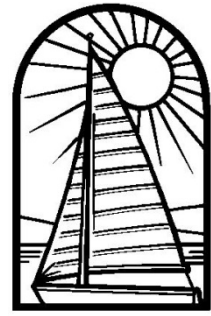
Chapin Hall

June 20

..8:30am **Men's Bible Study**
11:00am **Memorial Service**
12:00pm **Memorial Reception**

Saturday

Fiorilli Room
Sanctuary
Chapin Hall



Happy Birthday

June 15 **Bob Carberry**
20 **Elaine Motta**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**First and third
Saturdays
in the Fiorilli
Room,
8:30am.**



**For more details contact
Jim Stevens 860-632-5810**

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website,
rhccucc.org
(See WORSHIP BULLETINS)
or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

**The July-August Church
Mouse will be mailed out
on Tuesday, June 30th
9:30 in the Fiorilli Room**

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river in my soul!

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got strength like a mountain...

I've got quiet like a forest...

I've got hope like a rainbow...

I've got love like an ocean...

Everyone is Welcome in The Circle

Song will repeat with different lyrics. If you have a suggestion, when called upon, shout it out!

Everyone is welcome in the circle;
Everyone is welcome in the circle;
Everyone is welcome in the circle,
The circle of God's love.

I Wanna Be Somebody

by Sally Rogers, with adaptations by S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)

Refrain

I wanna be somebody who somebody like me could like. (x2)

Nobody likes me,
I don't care,
They make fun of me,
They won't share.

Refrain

Even when we're angry,
Even when we're sad,
God loves every one of us,
Even when we're mad.

Refrain

But other times I'm happy,
When I do something good.
God always helps me,
to do the things I should.

Refrain

When no one seems to like me,
I don't know what to do.
I pray to God for help,
It always gets me through.

Refrain

There are days for every one of us,
When things go wrong,
Then we can help each other,
We'll sing our song.

Refrain

I wanna be somebody who somebody like me could like.

I Adore You

During the offering you are invited to join together singing in a spirit of prayer and reflection.

We will sing until the offering has been collected. Please note that this song is sung as a round.

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.

This Little Light of Mine

by Nancy Cassidy

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

My brothers and my sisters, I'm going to help 'em shine (3X)
Help 'em shine, help 'em shine, help 'em shine!

This little love of ours, I'm going to let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

This big world of ours, I'm going to help it shine (3X)
Help it shine, help it shine, help it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 to 12:00

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

Interim Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka brenda@rhccucc.org

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