

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



June 15, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
First Sunday after Pentecost  
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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available downstairs in Room 4.*

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## 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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc Faszczka

God, of the whirlwind and fire,  
sweeps into our presence in this hour.

**Praise be to God,**

**who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.**

God, who called all worlds into being,  
calls forth new life in us today.

**Praise be to God,**

**in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love,  
confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

**Praise be to God,**

**who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.**

## \*HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

New Century (black) 12

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

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

Spirit God, in the beginning you gave life and movement,  
color and harmony to the universe.

Everything moves by your power and is one through you.

But most of all you move  
in the minds and spirits of men and women.

You give vision and insight, speaking spirit to spirit.

You stir the sleeping conscience, rouse the dormant mind,  
to seek justice, express beauty, declare truth.

Most of all you come in the power of Jesus,  
bringing love and joy and peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

So move us now in mind and conscience;  
stir and quicken us with beauty and truth;  
and give us all your harvest, now and always.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
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:

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

**SOLO**

“Hymn of Promise”  
Victoria and Michael Bower

Natalie Sleeth

*In the bulb there is a flower:  
In the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
Butterflies will soon be free!*

*In the cold and snow of winter,  
There's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence  
Seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
Bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future;  
What is holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.*

*In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.*

## READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**SERMON**

“A Holy Kiss”

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

**\*HYMN**

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

New Century (black) 417

## 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**

*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

# "Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling"

Thew Elliot

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, Flute, and Lynne Lataille, Bells

*Spirit, I have heard you calling,  
Like a mem'ry long grown dim,  
Crying from creation's moment,  
Seeking voice from deep within.*

*I have heard you in my longing,  
I have heard you in my pain.  
Now I feel you moving in me,  
And I'll never be the same.*

*Now I see you all around me,  
Now I hear you call my name.  
Now I speak the words you give me,  
Now I feed creation's flame.*

*You are speaking through my longing,  
You are speaking through my pain.  
Now I feel you moving in me,  
And I'll never be the same.*

*Since you moved upon my waters,  
Since you spoke and set me free,  
I have yearned for this communion,  
For your fire inside of me!*

*Now your love defines my longing,  
Now your love shines through my pain,  
Now we dance in endless union,  
Singing out creation's name.*

## \*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 PEOPLE

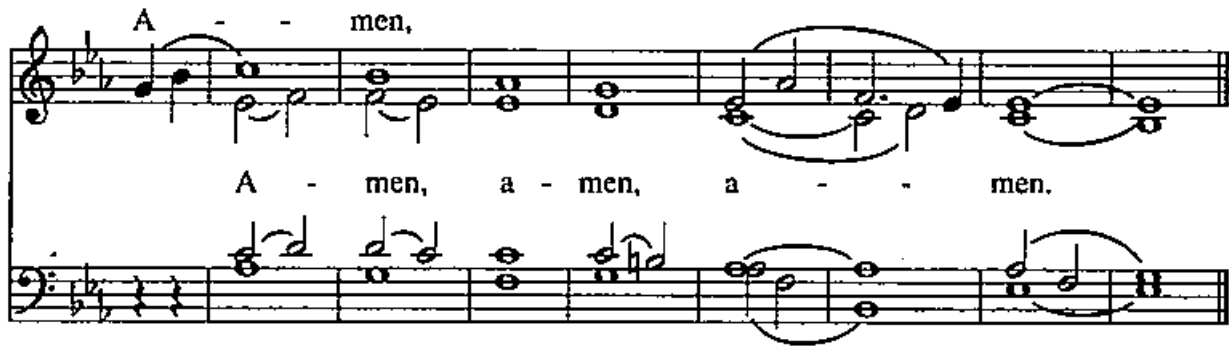
#### Joys & Concerns

**Recognition of Great Grandfathers**

**Recognition of Graduates**

#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

## Prayer Response



\*HYMN

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

New Century (black) 391

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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**GREETERS AND USHERS**

Elaine Somes, Candy Smith, Nancy Harlow

**The flowers are given in loving memory Alvin Hummel  
by Sue VanNess, John Hummel and family.**

**The flowers on the pedestal are given in honor of the ordination of  
Meghan D. Young by her Grandmother Shirley Gagliano.**

### **"STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH"**



We are extending the "Strengthen the Church" through this Sunday. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your generous gifts will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking." All gifts are directed to activities within your local conference, as well as to UCC national ministries. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience to bring on the 8<sup>th</sup> or to mail to the church office (805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067).

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

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.

**If your name is not listed below or if you recently became a new great-grandfather, please contact the church office at 529-4167**

**We will add your name to our list.**

Rudy Burgess	Larry Carlson	Neal Cox	David Dean
Albert Griswold	Bob Hamilton	Bob Hansen	Joe Kunzelman
Ralph Lexa	Tom Schreier	Richard Somes	John Sword
James Ussery Jr.	Frank Vann		

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

The RHCC church family extends congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the following 2014 graduates: Joseph Sheehan (Watkinson School); Jack Malespini (Rocky Hill High School); Melody Hall (Hofstra University).

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

### NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED IN JUNE

The next opportunity for new members to join RHCC will be during worship on **Sunday, June 29**, with a **preparatory session on Sunday, June 22**, following worship, 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor, with pastors and Deacon(s). For that preparatory conversation, we welcome those interested in inquiring and exploring, as well as those who know they wish to join the church on June 29. If you'd like to be part of the process, please let either of the pastors know, or contact the church office.



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Please sign up to contribute flowers for Sunday's worship. July and August Sundays are open. 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](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167).

## **S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner**

*Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell*

***Children are invited to remain in worship today,  
following along with the children & youth bulletins.***

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming will begin on Sunday, June 29,  
for preK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

### **NOAH'S TABLE**

Noah's Table is meeting Sunday, June 22, from 5 PM – 6:30 PM. Bring your artistic skills as we paint canvases to decorate the youth room, and prepare dinner together. Please RSVP with Meghan Young at [Meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:Meghan@rhccucc.org), by June 20, if you are coming.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee or email them at [RHCCchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information.

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Volunteers** – If you are interested in helping with any of our summer programming, whether it be teaching, baking, sharing a craft, telling a story, sharing music, assisting with the nursery, being a safe church volunteer, coordinating, or setting up, please email Meghan at [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org).

### **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.*

Today we have a variety of cards in inventory from more than **35** different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase this morning, including (but not limited to):

**Coffee:** Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

**Fast food:** Burger King, Chipotle, McDonalds, Subway

**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, On the Border

**Shopping:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Marshall's, Staples, Target, Walmart

See Deb Copes at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

**THINK SCRIP!**



**CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES COUNCIL AND BOARD OF MISSIONS  
FOOD DRIVE ~ JUNE 22**

We'll have a Christian Activities Council focus in our service on June 22. Retiring Executive Director **the Rev. Edwin Ayala** will be our guest preacher, and **Pat Johnson**, CAC's Community Leadership Development Coordinator, will be with us that day as well to tell us about the **CAC food drive for those in need in North Hartford.**

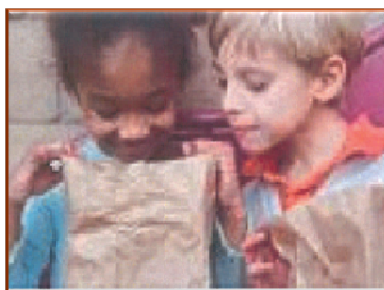
**OUR CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE BY BRINGING FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH THAT DAY.**

The list below highlights especially needed items. Please be as generous as possible!

We all thank you very much for your help.

God bless,

Pat Johnson, CAC  
Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, RHCC rep to CAC  
Meghan Montana, RHCC Bd of Missions



Any imperishable food items such as:

Dry cereals	Soup	Crackers/graham crackers
Dried fruits	Healthy snacks:	Granola bars,
Cereal bars,	Trail mix	Canned
Meats/vegetablesBeans	Peanut butter	Rice/pasta

Ready-To-Eat foods Simple preparation items (only require water)

Cups of soup	Seasoned Noodles	Tuna/chicken salads
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Personal Care Items

Soap	Diapers	Baby lotion
Feminine hygiene products	Deodorant	
Zip lock bags	Garbage bags	Toilet paper
Band-aids	Antibacterial Ointment	
Toothbrushes and toothpaste		
Bibles and bookmarks		

# THIS WEEK AT RHCC

June 15                      Sunday

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

10:00am    **Worship**                      Sanctuary

June 16                      Monday

6:00PM    Bell Choir                      Parlor/Fiorilli Room

7:00pm    Women's AA                      Chapel

June 17                      Tuesday

11:00am    Retired Clergy                      Parlor

4:00pm    **Lodge Service**                      Lodge

June 18                      Wednesday

6:00pm    **RHLSP**                      Fiorilli Room

6:00pm    Community Meeting                      Room 25

7:30pm    **Adult Choir**

June 19                      Thursday

7:00pm    Music Committee                      Fiorilli Room

7:00pm    Fair Committee                      Parlor

7:30pm    Men's AA                      Chapin Hall



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 15    Bob Carberry  
18    Betty Stedman  
20    Elaine Motta  
21    Jack Pawlich

**MONDAY MORNING MAILERS**  
will meet to mail the July August Newsletter on Monday June 23.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**  
Will not meet until September.

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

**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](mailto:brenda@rhccucc.org)

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