

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



June 16, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

~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.*

INTROIT

“Sweet Delight, Most Lovely”
The Choir

MINISTRY MOMENT

Jarod Taylor
Time, Talent, Treasure/Pledging Ministry Team member

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

All: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.

Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

**Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts,
and sustains us.**

Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver.

All: Let us worship God!

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

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**O God our Sovereign,
how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence!
Help us to draw near to you,
that we may receive all that you have to offer us in this time and
place.**

Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom’s call.

Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire.

Nourish us with the gift of community.

**Empower us to follow and to serve you,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

We pray this in Jesus’ name, 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**

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 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.

ANTHEM

“Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling”

Thew Elliot

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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SERMON

“Finding the Foundation”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

NCH 547

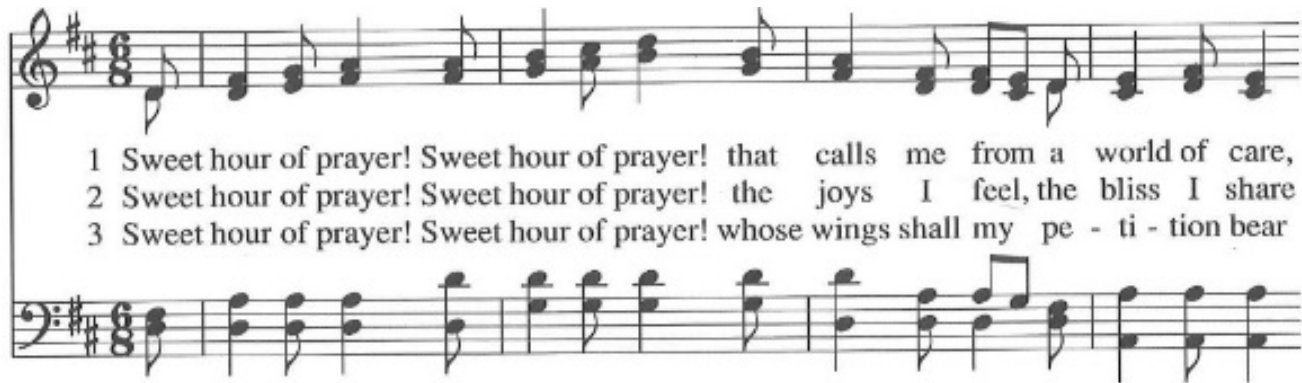
OFFERING OF GIFTS*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards.***Invitation to the Offering***For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.***Offertory Anthem*****Doxology**

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

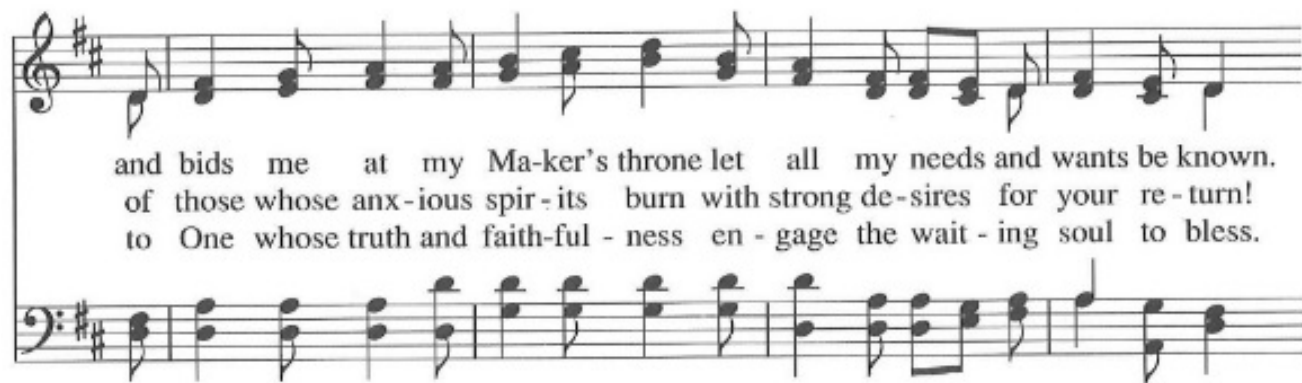


Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

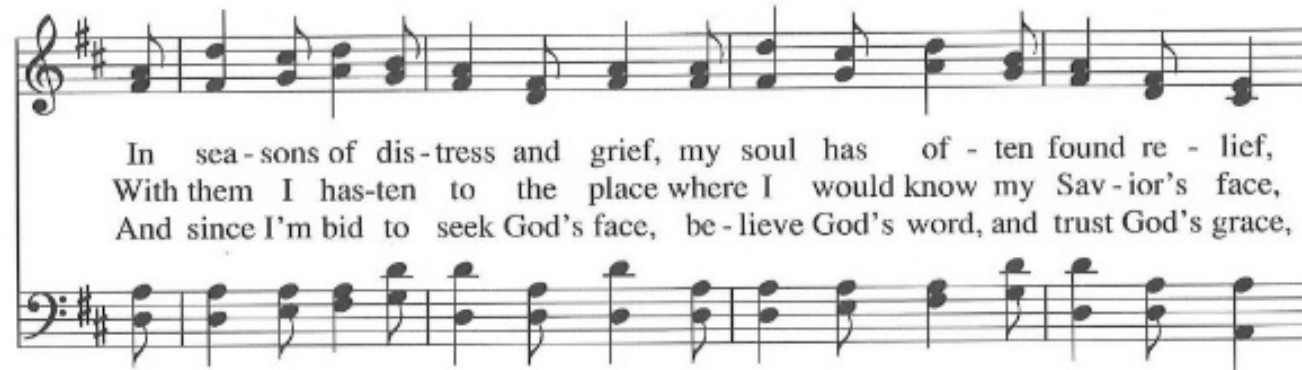
Prayer of Dedication*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****Joys & Concerns****Recognition of Great Grandfathers**



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!

HYMN

“Creator God, Creating Still”

NCH 278

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

USHERS

Jarod Taylor, Sue Chatfield and Doretta Andonucci

HOSPITALITY

InReach

*Today's Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of
our father, Alvin Hummel
by Sue VanNess, John Hummel and Alvin Spegt*

*Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of
Arthur Murk and Mayne Pittsinger by Marge Murk*



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.

In honor of Father's Day, InReach is offering
Brownie Sundaes during Coffee Hour.
All are welcome!



Today we proudly recognize our great-grandfathers of the church. In honor of the great grandfathers, \$10.00 gift cards will be donated to the Veterans Center on Elm Street to be distributed as needed. We also recognize and pray for all of the fathers and grandfathers of our church!

Rudy Burgess

Tom Boccaccio

Neal Cox

David Dean

James Ussery Jr.

Joe Kunzelman

Ralph Lexa

John Sword

Frank Vann

Mark Walworth

BEDS NEEDED FOR COVENANT TO CARE CHILDREN

Our Covenant to Care social worker, Joseph Engberg, is requesting two bed frames (gently used or new) and two new mattresses for children in his care. Our congregation has a covenant through the Adopt a Social Worker program to support the children on Joseph's case-load with various needs throughout the year. If you have these items to donate or would like to donate Scrip cards to use toward purchasing the items, please contact Heather Collins, heathercollins2004@gmail.com 860-798-4454. Volunteers are also needed to move items, time and location to be determined.

We whole heartedly thank our Church School Teachers and Assistants: Candy Smith, Sue Speers, Liz Pulling, Liz Reed-Swale, Steph Heneghan, Jeremy Thompson, Jen Cordes, Sandy Gau, Don Pagnucco, Marge Murk, Bay Tran, Toryn Pulling, Kaedryn Pulling, Heather Wolfe-Taylor, Kim Burghoff, Christine Kainamura.



A Message from your Time, Talent, Treasure Ministry Team

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

Each and every day at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, we depend upon you to support the work of our church. Did you know that in April, we:

Participated in the **Walk Against Hunger**. Money raised from this walk support Foodshare's efforts to fight hunger year-round as well as support programs in Tolland and Hartford county that help our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurities.

Created **Sole Care Kits**. Thousands of men and women in Uganda suffer from a crippling parasite called jiggers, which is contracted through the feet. To help our friends around the globe, our Board of Faith Formation hosted a Sole Party. Simply by donating old jeans and following a pattern provided by Sole Hope, we were able to create these kits. Local Ugandans are paid to assemble the shoes which are then given to those in need, so each gift gives twice!

Donated to a **Connecticut shelter for migrant children**. Noank Community Support Services (located near Groton) is home to between 10 and 12 unaccompanied children (mostly teens) from the border. Those children depend on donations from organizations like our church.

Visited those who cannot join us at church events or Sunday service. Our devoted and caring Congregational Care Team ensures that we stay in touch with our church family and friends in many ways including visiting, calling and writing a note.

Lived our vision of being a **welcoming church**. A welcoming committee was formed whose mission it is to ensure that we don't just say "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are all welcome here" but we actively demonstrate it. Beginning in April, every person entering the sanctuary through the vestibule is welcomed by a greeter with a warm and friendly smile.

Worked to **keep our church safe** and sound for our generation and all the generations to come. For example, one of our members is responsible for ensuring all doors are locked after Sunday morning services.

All of these things are planned and prepared by leadership and staff who are deeply committed to our becoming who God is calling us to be. We have a vision that is amazing and exciting, but we can't achieve our vision without your continued contributions of time, talent and treasure. These are the resources that fuel our mission; and yes, it does cost real money to provide spiritual things. We thank all of you for believing in our vision and mission and working in so many ways to help make our vision a reality.

Blessings, Time, Talent, and Treasure/Pledging Ministry

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 16

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

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24



June 17

OFFICE CLOSED

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00pm Bonsai Group
7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli

15	Bob Carberry
20	Elaine Motta
21	Glenn Hunter

June 18

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

Tuesday

Fiorilli



June 19

7:30pm Choir

Wednesday

Choir Loft

June 20

7:00pm Fair Mtg
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

June 21

Friday



During the summer, we will offer church school every other week, on these dates:
June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25.

Our worship service will be held in air-conditioned Chapin Hall for the summer, starting on June 30th and ending on September 1st.

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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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