

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**June 19, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

# ~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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## PRELUDE

Meditation on "Land of Rest"

Anthony Giamanco

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

**People: We come in search of help and hope.**

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

**We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.**

Come, you who are in need of good news.

**We come in search of joy, truth, and light.**

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

**Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.**

## \*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

New Century (black) 1

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

*Bold type denotes collective response*

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,  
not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire,  
but in the sound of sheer silence.

Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies  
that we might meet you in that silence.

Help us to listen for your still, small voice.

Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,  
trusting that you will prepare the way.

We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey,

Jesus the Christ, 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.

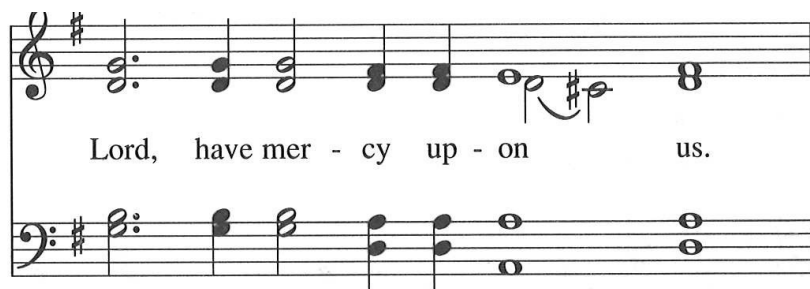
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.


Amen.

## \*SUNG RESPONSE

NC 750



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

## DUET

“Be”

Victoria Bower and  
Michael Bower, soloists

words by Sr. Jane Pellowski, Medical Mission Sister,  
music by Don McKeever

## SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 19:1-15a

Pew Bible NT p302

## SERMON

“Can You Hear Me?”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

## \*HYMN

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

New Century (black) 502

## 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

“Spirit I Have Heard You Calling”  
The Choir

Thew Elliot

## \*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

#### Call to Prayer

“More Love to You, O Christ, verse 1”

NC 456

1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the  
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -  
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the

*Refrain*  
prayer I make faith to re - new.  
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,  
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

#### Pastoral Prayer

\*HYMN

“God the Omnipotent!”

New Century (black) 577

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Pastorale”

Ravanello

The flowers are given in loving memory of

*Alvin Hummel*

by Sue, John, Alvin and Family

The Tower is Lit in loving of memory of

*Arthur Murk and Mayne Pittsinger*

by Marge Murk

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**LITURGIST**

Deb Copes

**USHERS**

Jim and Lois Stevens, Midge and John Sword

**HOSPITALITY**

InReach

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**RECOGNITION OF GREAT-GRANDFATHERS**

During worship today we will proudly recognize the great-grandfathers  
of our church family:

Rudy Burgess	Neal Cox	David Dean	Bob Hamilton
Bob Hansen	Joe Kunzelman	Ralph Lexa	Tom Schreier
Richard Somes	Stewart Sprague	Richard Starr	John Sword
James Ussery Jr.	Frank Vann	Maurice Wyman	

In honor of the great-grandfathers of our congregation, the Deacons have made a donation to “Honor Flight New England,” an organization that arranges for trips to Washington DC for veterans, so that they may visit the national monuments. Their address is PO Box 16287, Hooksett, NH 03106.

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>TODAY</b>	10:00am	Strengthen the Church Offering
	11:00am	Father's Day Coffee Hour
Sun. June 26	11:00am	Second Hour: Governance
Sun. July 3	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall

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



### **Father's Day Raffle**

*Hartford Yard Goats 4-Homerun Porch Passes for the 2016 season*

Drawing June 19th (Father's Day) after Church Service

A second drawing will be held on June 26th for

*a Camping Weekend at either Nelson's Campground or Wolf's Den campground.*

Tickets for both raffles \$1.00 each.



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Cards of Sympathy and comfort on behalf of longtime member, Priscilla Lexa –  
may be sent to: Ralph Lexa, 3362 Main St. Rocky Hill, 06067.

In Loving Memory  
of those who are forever  
present in our hearts.





**This prayer from Matt Crebbin, Pastor, Newtown Congregational Church:**

A word about Orlando

First...DO PRAY...if it is a part of your tradition.

Pray for the murdered, the injured, the traumatized - each one a unique and precious treasure.

Pray for families and communities forever altered.

Pray for individuals and families in other places who this moment are being re-traumatized.

Pray for all those in our society who are targets of violence because their beauty as a child of God does not fit somebody else's definition of what is righteous or pure.

Pray for all of us who by intent or apathy continue to allow our nation to worship at the altar of the gun.

Pray for those who will only offer prayers and nothing else.

Pray for those who will use this violence to demean or mistreat whole swaths of humanity.

Pray for those who think they know all the reasons for this and who will soon return to a cocoon of self-righteous certainty.

Pray for those who will become even more captive to the way of fear - and only end up further down the path of death and brokenness.

Pray for shalom...for peace and well-being for everyone - including even those who commit unspeakable acts of violence.

Pray for yourself - because even prayer is sometimes too difficult and if you cannot find any words - sighs will always do.

Pray...and even as you are praying...commit yourself to be a part of the transformation our broken, grieving and traumatized world needs.

Pray ...and in your praying become a living and breathing prayer in and for the world."

The Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ





Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations 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. *STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message.*

*The offering will be collected **Today, June 19.***

## NEW CHURCH GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION

The Organization and Governance Small Group has been meeting and hosting second hours/information sessions to review our work to date. This small group will be hosting a second hour directly after service in Chapin Hall **NEXT WEEK on June 26th** to discuss and review the proposed draft of a new organizational framework. This session is open to everyone. Our intent is to continue to share our vision as to how changes in our organizational framework might help us to more effectively carry out our purpose - and to hear feedback. We are still in the development phase of shaping our proposal, and we want to hear **YOUR** ideas.



Our church has a long-standing tradition of lighting our tower at night in honor or memory of a loved one. A sign-up sheet is located in Chapin Hall. The suggested donation is \$10 to have the tower lit for the designated week from Sunday through Saturday. Contact a deacon or the church office with questions.

## WELCOME VISITORS

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.

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events! [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)



## Flower Memorials



If you are ordering flowers to be delivered for Sunday Worship, please tell the florist our building is locked on Saturday. Flowers should be delivered on Friday between 9am and Noon when the office is open. Thank you.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



Please contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone or email. [Office@RHCCUCC.org](mailto:Office@RHCCUCC.org) or 860-529-4167.

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## Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!! Summer Coffee House .....and Fiesta!

We are so delighted that Bobby Jo Valentine is coming back to RHCC-UCC this summer. Last June, Bobby delighted a packed Chapin Hall coffeehouse with his special talent for songs from the heart. Talented, engaging and authentic, Bobby's gentle and humorous style will touch your heart. He now has a new album out, so he has even more to share. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>** and join us for a great evening of food (of course!), sharing, humor and deep connection.

A south-of-the-border themed dinner will be served between 6:15 and 7:30 (come any time during that time). The coffeehouse music will begin at 7:30.

*While there is no charge for this event, your free will offering will be donated to Hearts Over Latin America. \*HOLA is a humanitarian organization run by UConn undergraduates. Its mission is to provide sustainable improvements in the quality of life of underserved communities in Latin American while fostering global leadership among students." Our own Sarah Mosure was one of the founding members of HOLA and has made several humanitarian trips to Latin America during her UConn career.*







We will have Summer Sunday School on the following dates:

July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21.

All ages will meet together for a brief lesson and mission-related activity, in air-conditioned classrooms. If you are able to help teach, lead an activity, or be a second adult in a classroom, please contact Georgette Huie or Kathy Morgan.

## Big Fluffy Dog Rescue Project

The youth have started a collection for this program, and are asking folks to bring in dog crates, towels, dog food.

There will be a collection bin in the narthex

Thank you for your support!



We'll hold our Summer Worship in  
air-conditioned Chapin Hall  
During July and August at 10:00 a.m.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,  
the world and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1*



## Country Fair News

The Country Fair this year will be on  
October 22nd from 9am to 3pm.

We are very excited to be having the Children's Booth back again as "Kids Corner". It will be operated by Holly Alessi, she is planning to sell toys, and play games. There will also be cotton candy sold. Also planned is a costume contest for the categories of scariest, prettiest and most original, plus a parade led by Liz Reed Swale.

The fair will be on 3 floors, the 3rd floor will have a White Elephant room, Antiques & Collectables and Sew Country (which will have all things sewing, knitting, etc.). On the 2nd floor will be the Tea Room, The bottom floor will have the Silent Auction, Kid's Corner, Holiday Shop and Jewelry. In Chapin Hall will be the Candy Shop, Bake Shop, Farmers Market and the Snack Shop.

The "Once Again" quilt will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win the quilt. The Quilt drawing will be held the same night as the Country Fair Dinner on November 5th at 5:30pm. Tickets for the dinner will be available during the fair and also be contacting the church office at (860) 529-4167.

If you would like to donate something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. For donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner we ask that it be clean and in good shape. I am sorry but we will not come and pick up. Being a volunteer is a great way to see the fair, if you want to volunteer but can't stay the whole day that is not a problem. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.

### Booth Chairpersons:

Silent Auction: Elaine Somes ..... 563-4099  
Kid's Corner: Holly Alessi ..... 680-3163  
Holiday Shop: Lynn McKenna ..... 836-0961  
Jewelry: Bea Donahue  
Candy Shop: Candy Smith ..... 563-4488  
Bake Shop: Don & Polly Pagnucco ..... 563-3233  
Farmers Market: Ruth Jensen ..... 563-4617  
Tea Room: Sue Starr ..... 529-3150  
Sew Country: Nancy Rolfe & Anita Hawkins  
Antiques & Collectables: Nancy Harlow ..... 529-4214  
White Elephant: Bob Carberry ..... 563-8311  
Snack Shack: Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi ..... 529-3652



## 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, Bonafish 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 (June 19) is the deadline for placing orders for cards not kept in inventory. Note that this is one week earlier than usual. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, June 26. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table this morning, or emailed to [treasurer@rhccucc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhccucc.org) by tonight.

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.

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 19

10:00am **Worship**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

### June 20

7:00pm Women's AA

### June 21

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### June 22

**Upstairs Floor Refinishing Project** through July 8

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

### June 23

7:00pm **Events Committee**

7:30pm Men's AA

### June 24

### June 25

### Sunday

Sanctuary

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

Fiorilli

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

### Thursday

Fiorilli

Chapin Hall

### Friday

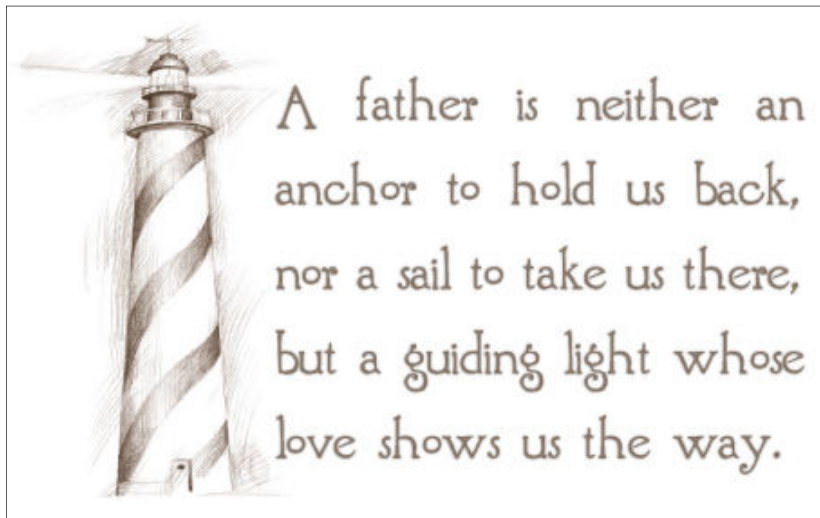
### Saturday



20	Elaine Motta
21	Glenn Hunter
21	Jack Pawlich
22	Gail Hall
22	Frank Murray
24	Philip Carpenter, Jr.
24	Douglas Toft
24	Kylie Pirre
25	Andri Smith
25	Katie Hoffman Fulda



The Church Mouse mailing will be on Monday, June 27 at 9:30am in air conditioned Fiorilli Room. All are welcome!



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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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