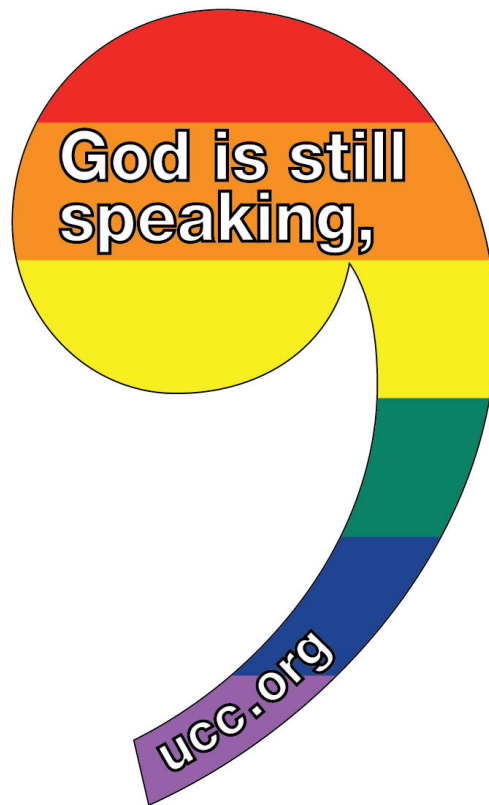


# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



June 22, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Second 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 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. Dr. Brenda Pelc Faszczka

*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

"Verse"

Peter Hurford

On a melody from *Paderborn Gesangbuch*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

People of God, we gather in the gift of a new day,  
and we turn our hearts toward the Maker of every new day —

**for God is still making the world.**

We come with hopes and longings, with questions and doubts,  
and we listen for what God will say in this new day —

**for God is still speaking.**

Let us awaken our minds and open our hearts,  
in trust that the still-speaking God makes all things new --  
**even us, even here, even now.**

## \*HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

New Century (black) 59

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

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

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

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling where we dwell  
and yet beyond,  
Still-Speaking God, who is here and now  
and yet always and everywhere...  
may we be opened to your stirring in such a way  
that our own energies will be stirred;  
may we feel your love in such a way  
that our own love will be deepened;  
may we glimpse the Christ in such a way  
that our own lives will grow more Christ-like.  
Holy Spirit, ever dwelling where we dwell,  
help us to see in this place  
a holy place,  
and in this day  
a holy day,  
so that when we have said its last "Amen,"  
we will have blessed the world  
with the love you have first given us.  
We pray as Jesus teaches us to pray,  
as we also say together:

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:



(1-4) Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!

Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### ANTHEM

“Wondering”

text Harold M. Heath, Jr  
music Jane Marshall

The Choir with Lynne Lataille, handbells

*Come, sweet season of the Wonder,  
Come, inflame our hearts again;  
Holy Vision, go before us,  
To earth's communion,  
God's Amen.*

### READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:16-19

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 8:43-48

### SERMON

“Beyond Pentecost, God Still Speaking”

The Rev. Edwin Ayala

### \*HYMN

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

New Century (black) 270

### 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

“The Best of Rooms”

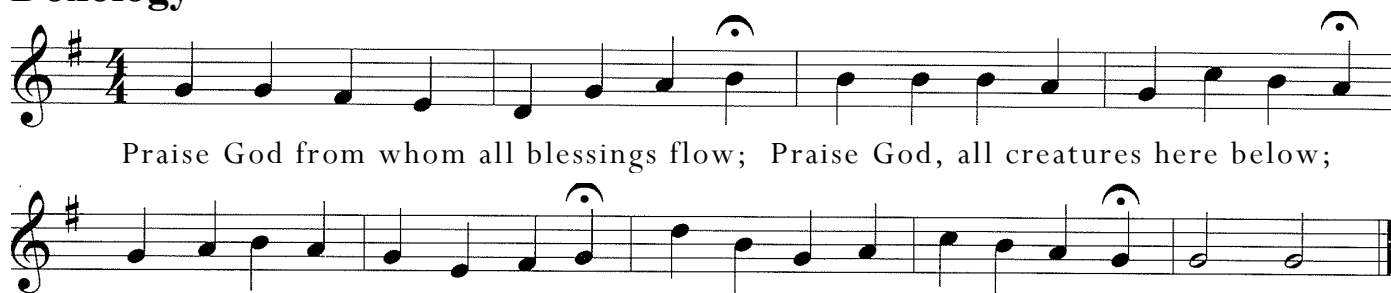
text Robert Herrick  
music Donald Busarow

The Choir

*Christ, He requires still,  
Wheresoever He comes,  
To feed or lodge,  
To have the best of rooms.*

*Give Him the choice;  
Grant Him the nobler part of all the house;  
The best of all's the heart,  
The best of all is the heart.*

## \*Doxology



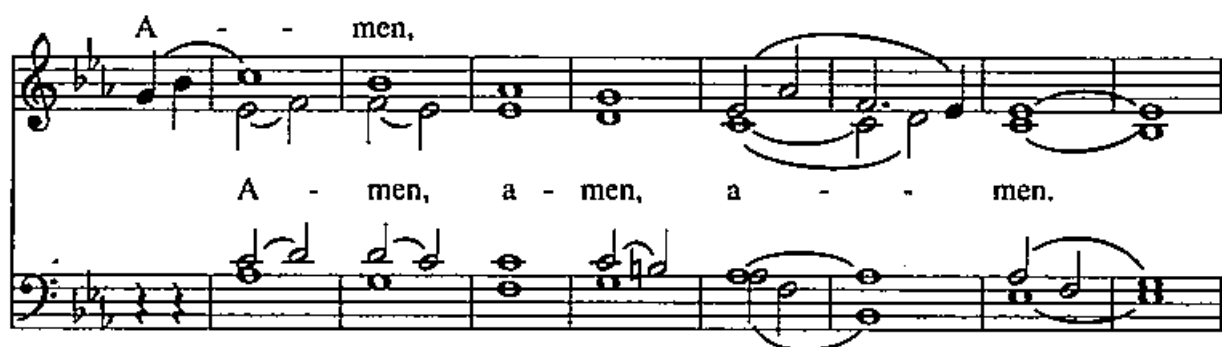
## \*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response



## \*HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

New Century (black) 76

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in F Major”

Buxtehude

We welcome as our guest preacher this morning the Rev. Edwin Ayala, retiring Executive Director of the Christian Activities Council in Hartford, and Pat Johnson, Community Leadership Development Coordinator for CAC. and our guest artist Joy Monroe.

## USHERS

Elaine Somes, Linda Grillo, Bob and Denise Carberry, Julia O’Connor

The flowers are given in loving memory of  
Arthur Murk and Mayne Pittsinger by Marge Murk.

## **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!

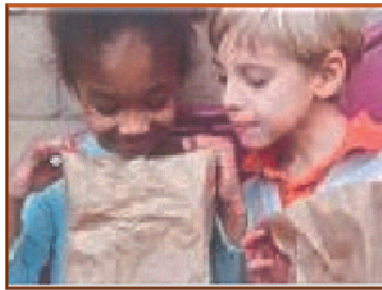
We all thank you very much for your help.

God bless,

Pat Johnson, CAC

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, RHCC rep to CAC

Meghan Montana, RHCC Bd of Missions



### Any non-perishable 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		



**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?**  
**NEW MEMBERS BEING RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY**

The next opportunity for new members to join RHCC will be during worship next **Sunday, June 29**, with a **preparatory session today** 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 speak to either of the pastors.

**NEWSLETTER MAILING**  
**MONDAY MORNING**

COME JOIN the **MONDAY MORNING MAILERS** - a wonderful group of people who help prepare bulk mailing. We will begin around 9:30am **MONDAY** morning in the Fiorilli Room. It takes many hours to complete this task, so the more people helping, the faster the work is done. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Coffee is served.

## **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 – TONIGHT!**

Noah's Table is meeting tonight 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.

**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). Volunteers are needed for 6/29, 8/10, and 8/24.

### **It's Coming: Koinonia 2014!**

**"Jesus, the Storyteller"**

**An intergenerational Vacation Bible School for the whole church family!**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

*Dinner provided. Freewill donations accepted.*

**Mark your calendars and sign-up in Chapin Hall or by emailing [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.

As previously announced, the end-of-June scrip order deadline will be deferred until July 13, with delivery on July 20. Please plan accordingly.

Today we continue to 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:** 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 Gail Hall at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

**THINK SCRIP!**



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Please sign up to contribute flowers for Sunday's worship. There are openings in July and August. 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).

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

June 22

10:00am **Worship**

Sanctuary

5:00pm **Noah's Table**

Sunday

June 23

am

**NEWSLETTER MAILING**

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

Chapel

Monday

June 26

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

Chapin

Thursday



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 22	Gail Hall
	Frank Murray
24	Philip Carpenter Jr.
	Douglas Toft
	Kylie Pirre
25	Andri Smith
	Kirsten Fulda
26	Douglas Sudell
	Bethany St Pierre
	Aiden Montana
27	Arthur Peterson
	Nancy Robbins
28	Bruce Gengenbach
	Linda Calcagni
	Marjorie Sheathelm
	Matthew Flynn

## **OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE

Monday – Thursday

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

**CLOSED FRIDAYS**



**Mitsey**

will be away from June 30 – July 9.

**Brenda**

will be away from July 11 – July 22 and

July 30 - August 13.

**Meghan**

will be away from July 2 – 11 and

July 21 – 28.

**Mary**

Will be away from June 23 – June 28,

July 21 – 27. and

August 11 through 24.

## **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)

Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation: The Rev. Meghan D. Young  
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