

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 23, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

~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.***

PRELUDE

“Prelude in Db (raindrop)”

Frederick Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Sheehan

Leader: Holy seekers whom God loves,
Come to receive your heritage.
Here among your gathered family
Take refuge in the Divine.

**All: We come to know the presence of a loving God
We are here to be shown the path of life
Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.
Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy God.**

*HYMN

“Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

NCH 491

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

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Holy God

Offer us your love and power in this place.

In the shelter of your love let us lay before you
our troubles, our longings, our hopes.

Let your power open us to new ways
through difficulty, struggle and loss
into your Spirit's realm of joy and peace.

Come, Holy God, in your presence there is fullness of glory.

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,

The first part of the musical notation is for the phrase "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody features a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a long note on "me," in the second measure.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

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MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62

Pew Bible NT p70-71

SERMON

“Don’t Look Back”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

NCH 179

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

“Prelude in C minor”

Frederick Chopin

*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

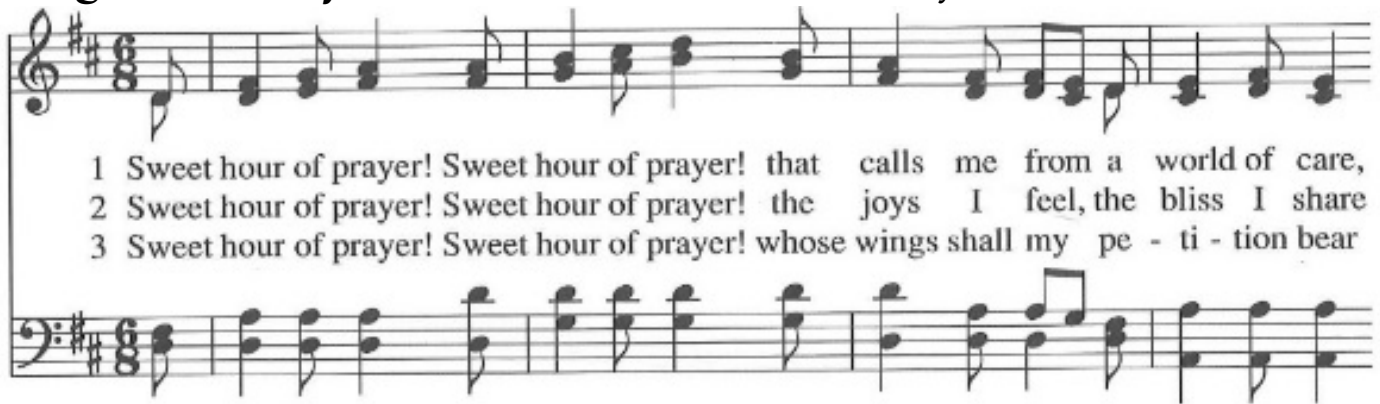
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

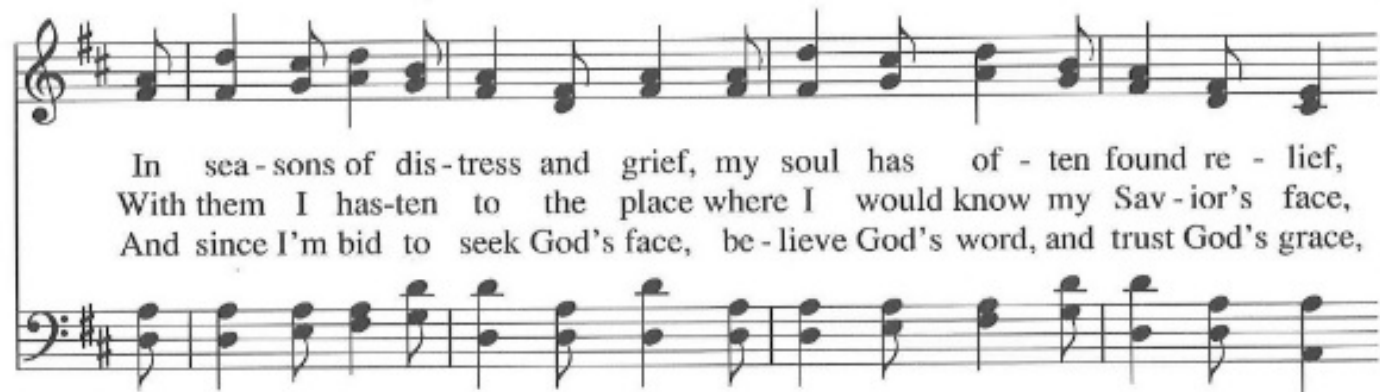
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



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!

Pastoral Prayer

HYMN

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

NCH 551

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in Db (raindrop) continued”

Frederick Chopin

LITURGIST

Chris Sheehan

USHERS

Sue Chatfield, Sarah DeGiovanni, Kim Burghoff

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Ruth Jensen



The tower is lit this week in loving memory of “The Longest Day” for all who suffer from Alzheimer’s, by Gail & Natalie Tine. On June 21 - the summer solstice - people across the world will participate in a fundraising activity on The Longest Day. Together, the strength of our light will outshine the darkness of Alzheimer’s.



FAREWELL FOR CRAIG AND ANITA

As stated in the recent letter to the congregation, Craig’s last Sunday leading us in worship will be July 21st. At that time there will be a service of release from Covenant and worship on that day will be held in the sanctuary. We will do our best for temperate weather and keeping the space as cool as possible. There will be a reception following worship in Chapin Hall to honor Craig and Anita and share remembrances of their time with us. It is hoped that many will be able to attend. If there are any other questions or you wish to be a part of this remembrance, please contact Marsha Hoffman by phone or email (psuconn@cox.net) or the church office.

OUR ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH!

Fair Donations Needed

White Elephant: Contact: Nancy Harlow, 860-529-4214, nharlow@outlook.com
Gently used household items
Small furniture
Sporting goods
Books
Children's games, toys, puzzles
Tools
CDs, DVDs



Sew Country: **Booth chair needed!**
Fabric
Yarn
Sewing, needlework, knitting and crocheting supplies
Craft kits – bought and never made or started and never finished
Knitted and crocheted items
Instruction books and patterns
Pot holders, place mats, kitchen towels with crocheted hangers, aprons

Silent Auction: Sue Chatfield, 860-595-6639, smchat999@att.net
Themed baskets, empty baskets, items to create a themed baskets
Gift cards
Timeshare/vacation destinations
New electronics
Donations of Services – examples: bake a special occasion cake, prepare a simple will, prepare someone's income taxes, one time spring or fall yard cleanup, make a dinner for a family of four (spaghetti sauce and meatballs?), small carpentry project, etc.
What skill or service can you donate?

Farm Market: Ruth Jensen. 860-563-4617, rjensen6941@yahoo.com
4 oz and 8 oz jelly glass canning jars, lids and rings
Fancy jams and jellies

Jewelry Booth: Sue VanNess. 860-666-1900
Jewelry and jewelry boxes
Purses, wallets, eye glass cases, belts
Umbrellas
Scarves



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Holiday House: Lynn Mckenna, 860-513-1025
Sleds
Gently used ornaments and decorations

Something Different: Hilaire Leavitt, 860-529-3814, halx@rcn.com
Small vintage or antique furniture
Small pine cones – 2” or 3”

Tea Room: Jen and Bill Cordes, 860-202-3517, jcourtemanche123@gmail.com
Cafeteria style trays

Haunted House: Jeannie Alessi, 860-839-1321, scoobygirl83@gmail.com
Halloween decorations
Scary masks
Fabric and crafts
Plastic to black out windows
Halloween candy

Snack Shack: Jean Goff, 860-729-8153, Jrsg50@gmail.com
Bottled water
Canned soda
Box of mixed chips
Eggs
Cheese – sliced American and sliced Cheddar
Ketchup, mustard and relish

Baked Goods: Marsha Hoffman, 860-563-1367
Gloria Moon-Schweitzer, 860-295-8871
Cake plates, tiers
Cake servers

Kids Corner: Booth chair needed!

The Fair and Events Team is looking for volunteers to chair the Sew Country Booth and the Kids Corner Booth for our annual church fair on Oct. 19th. This is the largest fund raiser of the year, so please consider helping out! Volunteers are always welcome!

Please contact:

Ruth Jensen, rjensen6941@yahoo.com, 860-563-4617,
Jean Goff, jrsg50@gmail.com, 860-729-8153
with questions or for more info. Thank you



RHCC Outreach and Witness Ministry



BACKPACK DRIVE!

This summer, we will once again support our Covenant to Care liaison by providing backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Please consider donating the following items to help children stay in school. Children removed from their home are often required to attend a new school as part of a placement process and have an increased need to feel like they belong. Please do not provide used items unless they are in “like-new” condition.

The items most in need include:

backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, #2 pencils, folders, erasers, pencil boxes, glue sticks, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, non-permanent markers, rulers, small tissue packets and crayons.

We will also use Scrip gift card donations to shop for items needed and to give to families to purchase school uniforms. We will be collecting items now through August 11th. Thank you! Heather Collins, Outreach and Witness



<https://covenanttocare.org/#>

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION: Free meals are available for kids and teens all summer across Connecticut. To find a Summer Meals site close to you, call 211 or Text CTmeals to 977977. Visit: www.CTSummerMeals.org Help fight hunger in Connecticut!

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 23

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare

June 24

9:30am NEWSLETTER MAILING
7:00pm Women's AA

June 25

7:00pm Worship Ministry

June 26

June 27

10:30am Retired Clergy
7:30pm Men's AA

June 28

Set up for Worship in Chapin Hall

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4

Monday

Fiorilli
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Tuesday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Parlor
Chapin Hall

Friday



22	Gail Hall
24	Douglas Toft
26	Nancy Robbins
26	Douglas Sudell
28	Matthew Flynn
28	Lynn Webster
29	Jaye Velej

Backpack Drive – now through August 11th. Drop off new school supplies on Sunday or during office hours! Thank you!



July-August Worship Schedule:
Enjoy worship in air-conditioned Chapin Hall this summer, beginning June 30th.

Bring a friend to church!
Coffee and fellowship after worship at 11am.

Summer Church school will be held on the following Sundays: June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25.



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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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