

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**June 25, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Third 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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### PRELUDE

“Moderato”  
Jared Maynard, guitar

by Fernando Sor

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: The sun shines more brightly.

Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

**All: So we shake free of our routines.**

Leader: We wander about the wilderness:

Hoping God will open our eyes

Praying God will make us worthy

Wanting to grow with God.

**All: Let us grow together in the wild ways of our God.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

**\*HYMN**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

NC (black) 597

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our God, you do great and wonderful things.

It’s what makes you our God.

There is nothing else in this world like you.

There’s nothing else like your love.

Be with us as we give thanks and worship you with joy.

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**

NCH 765

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

*(Children are invited to depart for S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School)*

“We Will Keep a Place For You”

by John Corrado



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the song: "We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go." The second staff contains the second line: "We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring". The third staff contains the third line: "hope to hearts that year. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn." The piece ends with a double bar line.

### SOLO

“Andantino”

by J.K. Mertz

Jared Maynard, guitar

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:1-11

NT Pew Bible p156

### SERMON

“New Life”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

“Immortal Love, Forever Full”

NC (black) 166

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to 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;

I 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 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (verse 1) NCH 418

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee In clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret, help me  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith sweet and  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly thou canst

bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
give, With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

O Master, let me  
walk with thee  
In lowly paths of  
service free;  
Tell me thy secret,  
help me bear  
The strain of toil,  
The fret of care.  
A-men.

## Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN**

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

NC (black) 613

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Nachspiel”

Anton Bruckner

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**LITURGIST**

Bob Carberry

**GREETERS**

Lois and Jim Stevens

**USHERS**

Bob Inderbitzen, Steve Smith, Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

Christine Engel

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Alvin Hummel  
By Sue VanNess and Jennifer Martin*



### TODAY

Sunday, June 25 10:00am Worship, Summer Church School

Daycare in Room 4

Sunday, July 2 10:00am Worship in Chapin Hall

*No Church School, Daycare in Room 4*

Sunday, July 9 10:00am Worship, Summer Church School

Daycare in Room 4



## Summer Sunday School

All ages (Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) will gather for a one-room class every other Sunday during the summer. The dates are: June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 3. We will be learning about “Courageous Bible People” and “Speakers for God.”

## High School Youth Group Mission Trip

Six youth and Georgette will be joining with sixteen youth and four adults from First Church in West Hartford to do home repair in and around New Orleans, July 9-15. Your prayers for safe travels and an awesome time will be most welcome.

## About The Longest Day

The Longest Day is all about love. Love for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease. June 21 was the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. Every day is the longest day for those with Alzheimers and their caregivers. Do what you enjoy most in honor and memory of someone with memory loss. Visit: [www.ALZ.ORG](http://www.ALZ.ORG)



## HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167)

## WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.





HARTFORD, CT - The Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences of the United Church of Christ voted decisively on Saturday to move ahead toward forming a new combined Conference, so that they may have a stronger voice speaking for justice and may more effectively carry out mission and ministry together.

The votes, taken at the first-ever joint annual meeting of the three bodies, mean that Conference leaders will now develop a formal proposal for a new Conference which will be brought before a second joint Annual Meeting a year from now in Springfield, MA.

"I am proud of you," United Church of Christ General Minister and President The Rev. John Dorhauer told those gathered following the votes. "Your yes today matters, and your yes today casts a vision for the future that was not otherwise available to you. And, my covenant promise to you is that the entire denomination will walk side-by-side with you on whatever journey unfolds."

After the vote, several staff and board members said much work lies ahead in working out what the new Conference would look like. "Let us together, as one, respond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to face the challenges that lie ahead," said Connecticut Conference Minister The Rev. Kent Siladi. "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

By Tiffany Vail, Associate Conference Minister for Communications

For more information, visit [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org)



Congratulations to Lisa Eleck and Gregg Wyman, winners from the Father's Day Raffle of tickets to Connecticut baseball games at the Tigers and New Britain Bees:

*CHURCH MOUSE MAILERS: We will meet  
Tuesday June 27 at 9:30am in the Fiorilli room to prep and mail the  
July-August newsletter All are welcome!*





# Silver Lake's 60th Anniversary



Happy Birthday, Silver Lake!

*By Lara Edmondson*

Sixty years is a pretty long time to hang on to something, whether it be a home, a job, a marriage, a friendship, or our beloved Silver Lake Conference Center. It's not always easy, and it takes dedication, team work, faith, and hope.

In the past 60 years, Silver Lake has offered more than 2,100 summer conferences, ministering to approximately 67,000 campers. This would not have been possible without the countless volunteer hours of roughly 4,200 deans, 6,700 counselors, 900 Camp Family members, and 1,800 minimally paid camp staff. Not to mention the devoted leadership, supervision, and mentorship of 8 Camp Directors.

As we approach our 60th Anniversary Celebration in August, let us not only reminisce about the past, but envision a future. A future for Silver Lake that continues to invite, welcome, and empower all of God's children. A future for Silver Lake that is financially sound, environmentally responsible, open and affirming, and demonstrates progressive Christian values. A future for Silver Lake that will instill hope and always remind us to Love God, Love Our Neighbors, and Love Ourselves.

**Please join us on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets are \$15 per person with a family maximum of \$60.** Commemorative 60th T-shirts are available to purchase at the time of registration for an additional \$10. A cookout lunch will be provided, as well as time to participate in traditional Silver Lake activities, explore on your own, take a group decade photo, and join in worship.

***Celebrating***  
**60**  
***Years***

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### June 25

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:15am **Church School**

11:00am **Coffee Hour**

### Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Room 25

Chapin Hall



### June 26

*Craig out of office this week on Study Leave*

7:00pm Women's AA

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### June 27

9:30am **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

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Room 25

### June 28

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

### June 29

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### June 30

### Friday

### July 1

### Saturday

25 Katie Hoffman Fulda  
26 Aiden Montana  
26 Nancy Robbins  
26 Douglas Sudell  
28 Marjorie Sheathelm  
28 Matthew Flynn  
28 Lynn Webster  
29 Jaye Veley

July 1 Russell Sheathelm

For emergency Pastoral Concerns during the week while Craig is out of the office, contact the office at 860-529-4167. Rev. Bob Woodward will be covering.

*We will hold worship in air conditioned Chapin Hall in July and August, beginning Sunday July 2.*



Have a safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend!

The church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3 & 4.

# 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, Bonefish 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

The next ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory will be on **Sunday, July 30th**

(delivery on August 6).

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

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Church Website: [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org)

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

## 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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing [ccowing@rhccucc.org](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

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