

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 26, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Sixth 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 down the hall 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

"Trust in Jesus"

William J. Kirkpatrick
setting by Raymond H. Haan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: Holy seekers whom God loves,
Come to receive your goodly heritage.

**All: Here among our gathered family
We take refuge in the Divine.**

Leader: We come to know the presence of a loving God.
We are here to be shown the path of life.

**All: Let us bless the One who gives us counsel.
Let us together celebrate the ways of the Holy God.**

*HYMN

"Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped"

New Century (black) 22

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

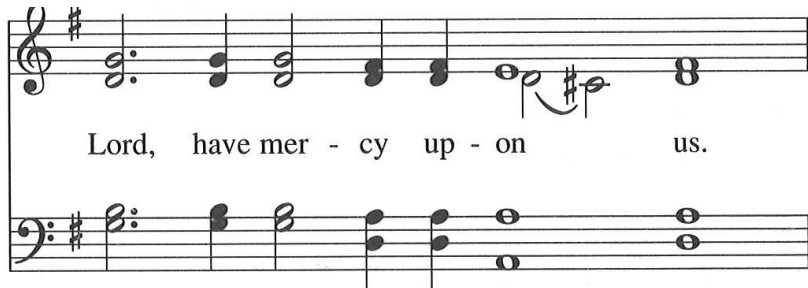
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*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Holy God,
Offer us your mantle of love and power in this place.
In the shelter of its love let us lay before you
our troubles, our longings, our hopes.
Let its 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 give thanks to you
through Jesus, 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

SOLO "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. Mark Hayes
Melody Hall, soloist Traditional Spiritual

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2:1-15 Pew Bible NT p308

SERMON "Inheriting the Mantle" The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" New Century (black)539

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 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" arr. by Dave Hall
Cello duet - Melody and Dave Hall

*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

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**

“Standing at the Future’s Threshold”

New Century (black) 538

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fantasie in C Major”

Johann Sebastian Bach

LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

USHERS

Violet, Heather & Bill Collins, Lynn McKenna, Marsha and Bill Hoffman

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Jeannie Alessi

Special thanks to Kari Magg, our guest organist this morning.

LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY	11:00am	Second Hour: Governance
Sun. July 3	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
Sun. July 10	11:00am	Kids Summer Sunday School

TODAY - JOIN US!

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 TODAY 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.

ICON OF THE MONTH – JUNE

This month's icon is of St. George. The original was painted in Crete in the late 1400's. You can see it in the Weil Chapel during June!



Congratulations to the winner of the Father's Day raffle - **Greg Wyman!** A second drawing will be held TODAY June 26th for a Camping Weekend at either Nelson's Campground or Wolf's Den campground. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Save the date for the Fair! The Country Fair will be on **October 22nd from 9am to 3pm**. If you would like to donate something or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. All donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner must be clean and in good shape. 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.



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



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

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



Big Fluffy Dog Rescue (bigfluffydogs.com) is a charitable organization dedicated to helping giant mixed breed dogs in need. While they value dogs of all breeds, they specialize in what the name says: **big, fluffy** dogs. Their headquarters are in Tennessee but, they have volunteers in several states in the South and New England who work to help homeless big fluffy dogs find a home to call their own.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue works to save Great Pyrenees, Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands and their mixes from euthanasia. Their dogs come in to rescue for many different reasons. Many were abandoned at high kill shelters in the South. Some were turned in by owners who could not properly care for them and still others are failed livestock guardian dogs.

Regardless of their origins, the goal for every dog they have is the same: a safe, happy home where each dog is a well-loved member of the family.

The items we will be collecting over the next several months are:

- Dog crates (used in working condition are fine)
- Towels, comforters and bed linens
- Dog food and treats
- Toys
- Cleaning products



There will be a bin in the back of the Sanctuary, or large items can be brought to the Church Office.

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.

Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!!
Summer Coffee Houseand Fiesta!
JULY 22



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 22nd** 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.



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*

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

The next order for cards not kept in inventory will be submitted on July 24.

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** or **Deb Copes** 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 26

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am **2nd Hr – Governance**

June 27

NEWSLETTER MAILING

7:00pm Women's AA

June 28

6:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:00pm Hearing Voices

June 29

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

June 30

7:30pm Men's AA

July 1

OFFICE CLOSED

July 2

Sunday

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday



26	Douglas Sudell Aiden Montana
27	Arthur Peterson Nancy Robbins
28	Linda Calcagni Marjorie Sheathelm Matthew Flynn Lynn Webster
29	Jaye Veley Riley McLean

The church
office
will be closed
on
Monday,
July 4th

JUNE 27 –MONDAY MORNING MAILERS

We'll meet in Fiorilli room to prep the Church Mouse newsletter for mailing. All are welcome to join us anytime between 9:30am-Noon



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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

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