

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



June 28, 2015 ~ 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 and large-print bulletins are available for worship—ask an usher. Nursery care is always available down the hall in Room 4.*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liz Reed-Swale  
Search Committee Chair

*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 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

“Pastorale”

Zipoli

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ellie Maher

Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones  
God hears us in our fear and our sorrow  
Where there was no way  
God leads us in a new way  
Where there was no mercy  
God surprises us with fresh mercy  
Where there was weeping  
God invites us to step into a new dance

\*HYMN      “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”      New Century (Black) 18

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

*\*Bold type denotes collective response.*

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

O Faithful God

You yearn to be so close to us  
that we can know you in every breath,  
in every hope, in every relationship.

You long for us to trust in your power  
to bring to life new possibilities  
where there has been no hope.

Meet us here today and

teach us to recognize

the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us.

So may our desires become your desires,

our work become your work,

and our community

the place where you are sought and found.

In Jesus' name we pray as he 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**

*Response, Unison*

(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

[name redacted for internet version]

### ANTHEM

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”  
The Choir

Akers/Christopher

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

### SERMON

“These Bones CAN Live”

[name redacted]

### \*HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

New Century (Black) 286

### 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

“Steal Away”  
The Choir

arr. Don McKeever  
Spiritual

## \*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here



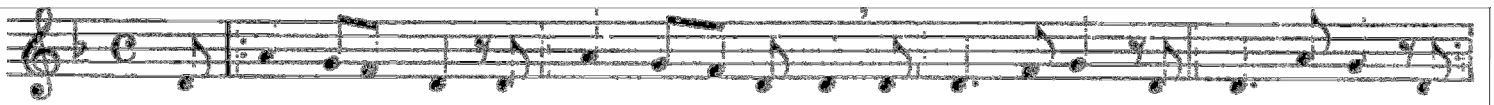
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

\*HYMN

“God the Omnipotent!”

New Century (Black) 577

\*BENEDICTION

Members of the congregation are asked to remain in place for the congregational meeting which will follow immediately.

The flowers are given in memory of our grandparents  
upcoming birthdays by Bill Cordes and Jennifer Courtemanche

The Tower is lit this week in memory of  
Carol Autorino by Phyllis Carlo.

Following the congregational meeting today,  
all are invited to a casual luncheon,  
downstairs in Chapin Hall,  
sponsored by the Inreach and Search Committees.

### CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is called for Sunday, June 28, 2015 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To act upon the recommendation of the Settled Pastor Search Committee to call the [name redacted] as our settled Pastor:

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk

## SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

### S.P.I.R.I.T.

*(Serve, Prayer, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell)*

Summer Church School programming  
for **Pre-K** through **5<sup>th</sup>** grade

will be offered on the following Sundays, during worship  
(children begin in worship):

**July 12 ~ July 26 ~ August 9 ~ August 23**

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>

Office hours will be

Tuesday through Thursday

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

**Closed Mondays and Fridays**

Messages may be left on voice mail  
which will be checked frequently.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A NAMETAG



With new staff coming on board in the coming months, this will be all the more important! Please remember to wear your nametag every Sunday! “

Dear friends,

Our hearts leap with outrage at the crime: nine people shot to death as they gathered to pray. Our hearts slow and skip at our sorrow for those who grieve. Our hearts beat just a little stronger with our desire to give aid to the wounded. Our hearts cry in anger, and sorrow, and pain, for justice.

Please hold in prayer the stunned and sorrowing community of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, who have lost friends and loved ones, including their senior pastor, the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney, a state senator. Please pray for those, particularly those of color, who suffer from the violence that erupts all too often in our society, and that we may somehow, together, create a better world.

We offer this prayer:

Gentle God of peace, the serenity of prayer has been shattered by the staccato sound of gunshots, the sighs of the injured, and the sobs of the grieving. Embrace your suffering, sorrowing servants in their loss and pain.

Guiding God who gathers us, help us look into the souls of our community and recognize the poisons there which feed hatred, fear, and violence. May we name them, examine them, and exorcise them in the light of day, that they will not trouble us when night has come. May we see that we are all truly in this life together.

Stern God of justice, do not let us forget those who cry to you when righteousness cannot be found. Not one of your children should ever fear to pray, not one: not due to their race, or creed, or age, or gender, or gender expression, or where they make their home upon this Earth. Not one of your children should ever fear that their violent death will be accepted by the world.

Loving God of resurrection, accept the slain into the company of the saints in light. Remind us that we pass from your arms in this life to your arms in another. In your mercy we find peace. In your word we find guidance. In your urging we find justice. In your love we find everlasting life. Amen.

Thank you for your prayers at this terrible time.

Blessings,  
Kent Siladi  
Connecticut Conference Minister







## 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.

If you placed an order last weekend, you may pick up your cards at the scrip table in Chapin hall after this morning's meeting. This month, we've earned almost \$1600 on scrip sales of \$23,000 to 45 different RHCC members & families.

We once again have all of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards 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  
On the Border, TGI Fridays, Outback Steakhouse

**Shopping:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond,  
Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Payless Shoes, Target,  
Toys R Us, Walmart

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 28

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am **Church Meeting**

Sunday

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

June 29

7:00pm

Monday

Women's AA Chapin Hall

June 30

**NEWSLETTER MAILING**

Tuesday

July 1

9:30am **Quilters**

5:30pm

w/Carolyn

Wednesday

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Pilates

Chapin Hall

July 2

Thursday

7:30pm

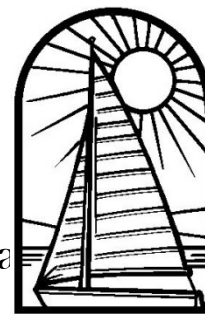
Chapin Hall

Men's AA

July 3

Friday

**OFFICE CLOSED**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 28 Linda Calcagni  
Marjorie Sheathelm  
Matthew Flynn  
29 Lynn Webster  
Jaye Veley  
Riley McLean  
July 1 Russell Sheathelm  
3 Rich Pawlich-  
Pagliccio  
4 Anthony Marcucci

## **WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church

website, [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org)

(See **WORSHIP BULLETINS**)

or you may contact the office to request

The July-August Church Mouse will be mailed on **TUESDAY, JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Beginning 9:30am  
in the Fiorilli Room.**

**All help is welcome.  
Refreshments served.**

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### **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)

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