

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**June 30, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Third 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 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

All: We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

***HYMN**

“This Is the Day”

NCH 84

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

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,
not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire,
but in the sound of sheer silence.

Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies
that we might meet you in that silence.

Help us to listen for your still, small voice.

Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,
trusting that you will prepare the way.

We pray this in the name of our companion on the journey,

Jesus the Christ, 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 system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4, then a half note C5. The bass line starts with a quarter note G3, followed by quarter notes F3 and E3, then a half note D3. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the vocal line.

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

The second system of musical notation continues in the same 3/4 time and key signature. The vocal line features a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4, then a half note C5. The bass line starts with a quarter note G3, followed by quarter notes F3 and E3, then a half note D3. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are written below the vocal line.

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



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that year. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

New Testament p68

SERMON

“Don’t Be Afraid”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

NCH 553

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

*Doxology



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

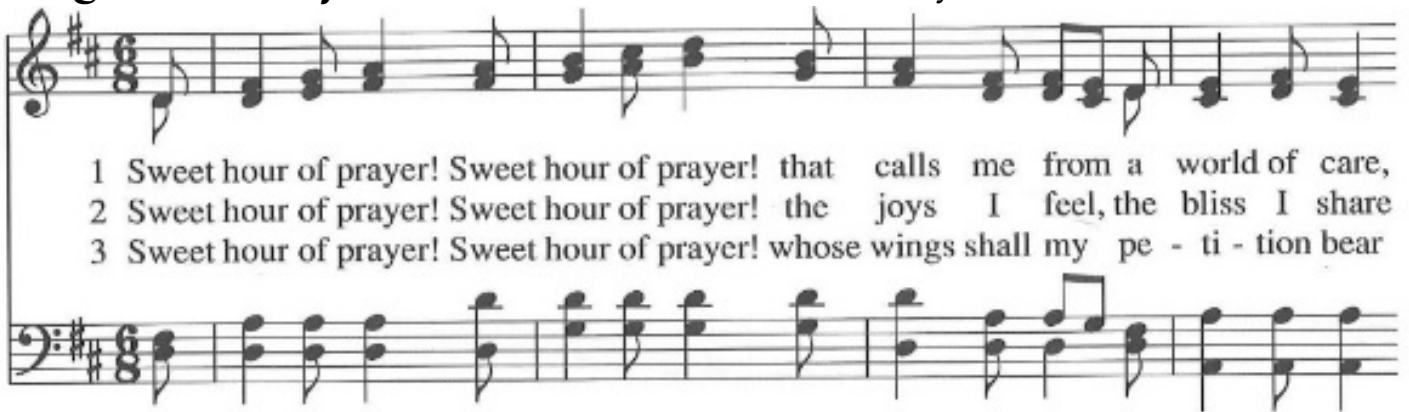


Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

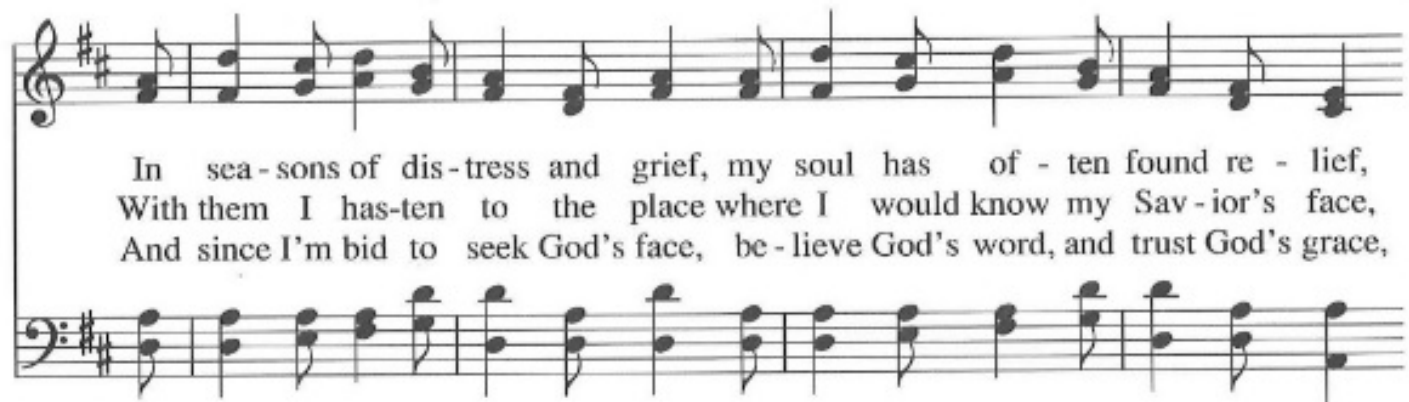
Joys & Concern



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

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

NCH 493

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Deb Copes

USHERS

Steve Smith and Marge Murk

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little



The tower is lit this week
in loving memory of Jon Mannise
by Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

Best wishes to **Linda Tokarski** for the next step in her life journey as she moves to Virginia to be with near her family. We are thankful for her many years of service and fellowship and she will be greatly missed in the life of the church for her many contributions. She'd love to hear from you! Her new address is: 504 Hamilton Circle, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630.

From the Silent Auction committee:

We have a donation of two “South African Safari for two” packages at the Zulu Heritage Safari Lodge. Minimum bid will be \$2500 of which the Church will receive \$1250. This includes 6 days and 6 nights lodging, 3 full meals per day, and two guided game viewing activities daily! Good for two years from auction date and any time of year. If you are interested and want more information ahead of the auction please contact Sue Chatfield at 860-595-6639.

Silent Auction



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.

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 us with questions or for more info. Thank you.

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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.

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 text to: 877877, or 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 30

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:15am Church School

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 24



July 1

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 2

Tuesday

July 3

Wednesday

July 4

OFFICE CLOSED
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

July 5

OFFICE CLOSED
Set up for Worship

Friday

Chapin Hall

- 1 Russell Sheathelm
- 3 Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio
- 5 Janice Rousseau
- 5 Thomas Reed-Swale
- 6 Scott Gau
- 6 Frank Vann
- 7 Ray Gagnon

Have a safe and
happy Fourth of July!



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

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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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