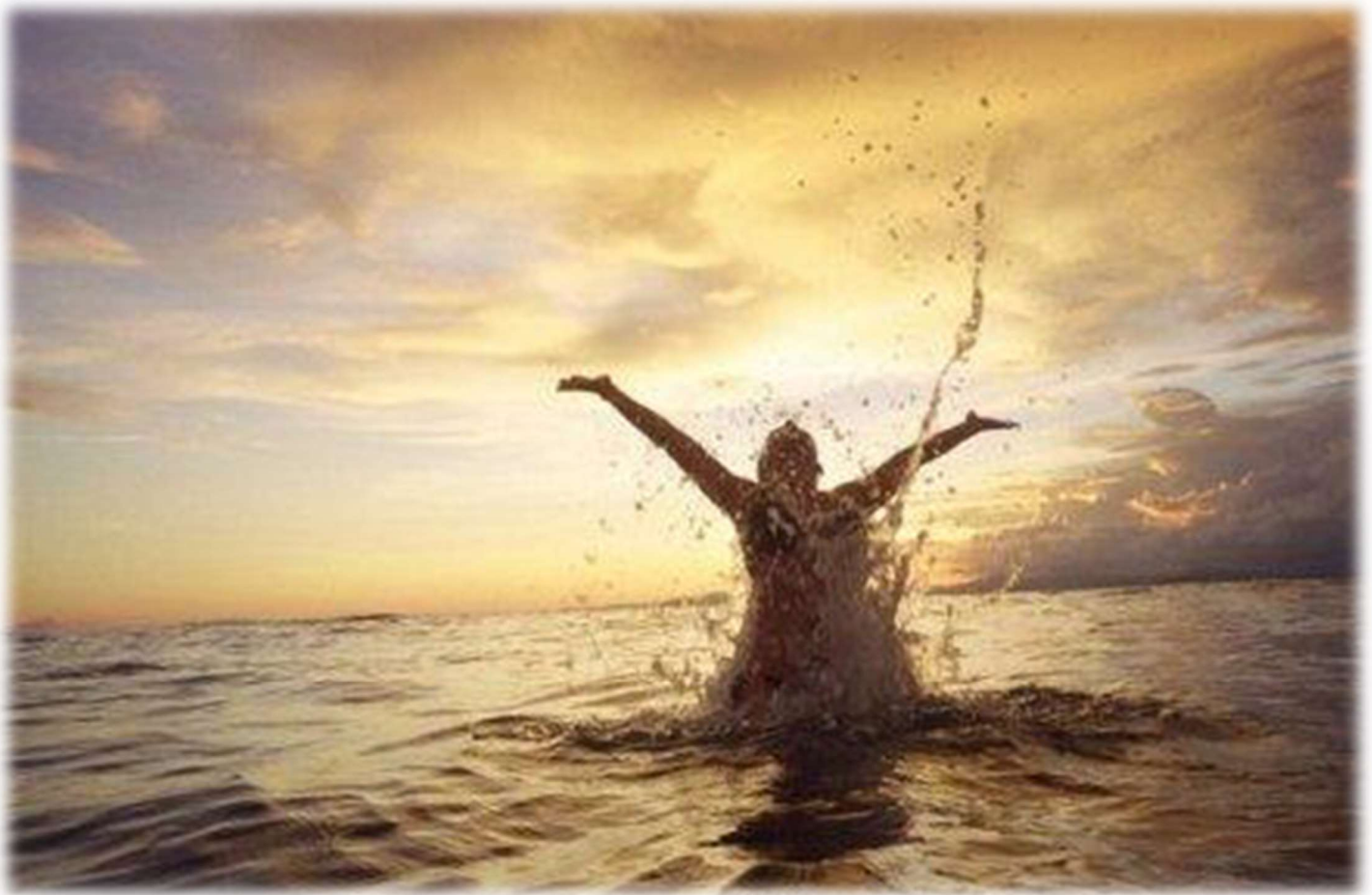


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 3, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## PRELUDE

“To a Wild Rose”

MacDowell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindy Hunt

Leader: Let us sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,

**People: and give thanks to God's holy name.**

God does not abandon us in our distress.

**God's healing presence restores us to life.**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing;**

**God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, and not be silent.

**O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!**

## \*HYMN

“My Country 'Tis of Thee”

Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 437

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

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious and loving God,  
we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—  
the freedom to worship you without fear,  
the bounty and diversity of your creation,  
and the precious gift of unexpected joy.

As we draw near to you this hour,  
may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence.

Refresh us and renew us  
that we might become faithful laborers  
in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy.

We pray in the name of our great Healer, 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 750

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, and ending on G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2-D3, G2-B2-D3, G2-B2-D3, G2-B2-D3, and G2-B2-D3.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second line of musical notation is identical in structure to the first line, with a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff melody starts on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, and ending on G4. The bass staff accompaniment consists of the same chords as the first line.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third line of musical notation is identical in structure to the first two lines, with a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff melody starts on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, and ending on G4. The bass staff accompaniment consists of the same chords as the previous lines.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

Pew Bible NT p311

### SERMON

“A Free Gift of Grace”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### 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

“America the Beautiful”

#### \*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

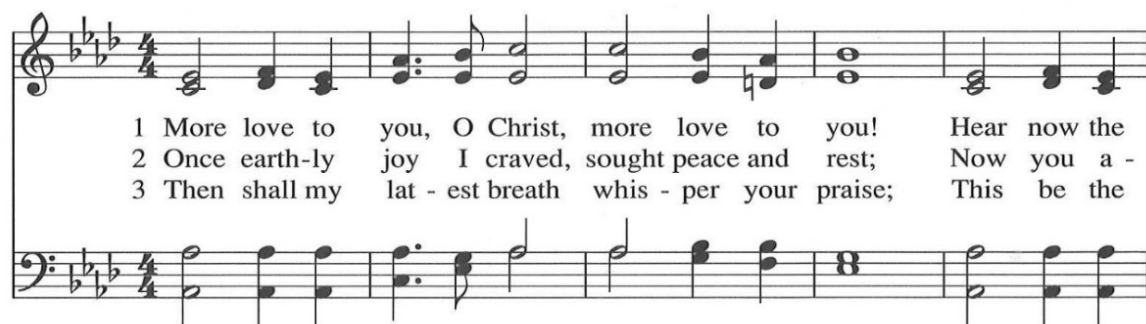
### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### Joys & Concerns

## Sung Call to Prayer

“More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1)

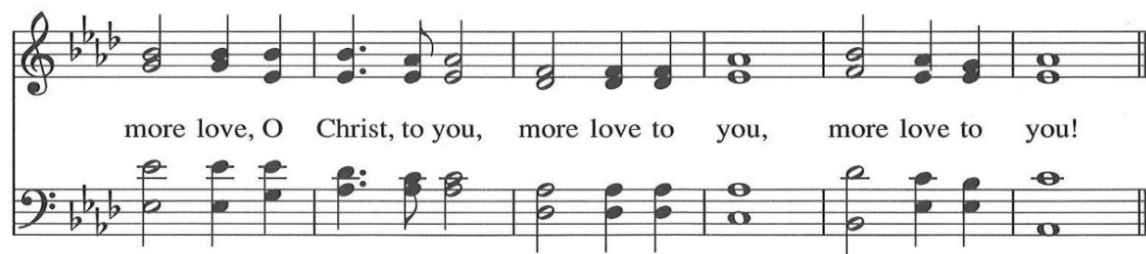
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1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the  
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -  
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



*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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

New Century (black)337

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples  
without purse, luggage, or sandals.

All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don’t need,  
looking for safety by avoiding risk,  
and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down.

Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and  
guilt.

All: **Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

## **Prayer of Confession** (cont.)

Leader: Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary,  
but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all.  
And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out.  
Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make  
and heal us of our exhaustion.

**All: Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

Leader: O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman,  
we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts  
in flashy and dramatic ways.  
We then fail to see how you are at work  
in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life.  
Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

**All: Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is no pain that God cannot heal.  
There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.  
Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.  
Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership.*

*This morning, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words “The bread of life” and “The cup of blessing.” If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.*

### Invitation

### Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and the Cup

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Our God, you have satisfied us with the food and drink of eternal life, and you have again given us the signs and seals of your mercy. Having been fulfilled at this table we offer ourselves, our bodies and souls, that all of your children may grow in grace to your glory. Amen.**

### Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God’s peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you  
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

**\*HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

New Century (black) 547

### BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Rondo Allegretto Spiritoso”

Clementi

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**LITURGIST**

Cindy Hunt

**USHERS**

Steve Smith, Lois and Jim Stevens

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Ruth Fitzgerald, Tom Fulda

Stephanie Heneghan, Deb Copes

**HOSPITALITY**

Jackie Little

*Today's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of  
Ralph Tennyson by Joan Tennyson*

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. July 10	10:00am	Kids' Summer Sunday School
Sun. July 17	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
Sun. July 24	10:00am	Kids' Summer Sunday School

Rev. Craig will be away next week, from July 5 through 11.

The Rev. Dick Allen from the South Glastonbury Congregational Church will be covering for pastoral concerns during the week. The Rev. John Afman will lead worship on Sunday, July 10. Contact the office with questions.



The icon for JULY is by Antonello de Messina, an Italian painter of the late 1400's. It depicts Mary at the Annunciation alone, as she absorbs what she has just realized. Stop by for some quiet reflection in the Weil Chapel during July!



Pastor Craig will be organizing a confirmation class along with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Faith Formation. Please contact him if you would like to learn more. We hope to start in the fall.



Congratulations to Jean Goff - the winner of last week's raffle drawing for a Camping Weekend.



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.



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.

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**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.

## WELCOME VISITORS

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. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



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

We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events! [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)



Want to get in shape and relieve stress? Join the Pilates Group with instructor Carolyn Phillips in air conditioned Chapin Hall every Wednesday at 6pm. Drop ins are welcome. For more info visit: [FitBehavior.com](http://FitBehavior.com) or call 860-869-4877.

**Mark your calendars!! Invite your friends!!**  
**Summer Coffee House .....and Fiesta!**  
**FRIDAY, 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 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.*





## 2016 Country Fair

October 22

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

# Country Fair

Rocky Hill Congregational Church  
805 Old Main Street

Snack Shack

"Once Again" Quilt Raffle

Entertainment by singer/songwriter Liz Reed

### Featured Shops

White Elephant Shop

Jewelry Shop

Farmers Market

Tea Room (opens at 11:00 am)

Holiday Shop

Candy Shop

Sew Country

Kid's Corner

Bake Shop

Antiques & Collectables

Silent Auction (closes at 2:00 pm)



## Roast Beef Dinner & Quilt Raffle Drawing

Saturday November 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Tickets \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children - Children under 4 free

Reservations are required

Tickets can be purchased at the Fair

or call the

Church Office at (860) 529-4167

## 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 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

July 3

10:00am **Worship**

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 4

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 5

**Rev. Cowing vacation this week**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

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July 6

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

July 7

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

July 8

Friday

July 9

Saturday



3	Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio
5	Janice Rousseau
	Thomas Reed-Swale
6	Scott Gau
	Frank Vann
7	Ray Gagnon
8	Glen Schultz
	Tom Rolfe
9	Betty Schako
	Nancy Wilcock



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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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