

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



July 5, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*We welcome all and extend a special greeting to visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here this morning! Our **summer services** (through Labor Day weekend) will be held in air-conditioned Chapin Hall. Fellowship time and refreshments follow immediately after.*

*The **Welcome Table** in Chapin Hall offers information about the church. **Hearing-assist devices** may be picked up at the back of Chapin Hall and **large-print bulletins** are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please include your contact information as you sign our friendship registration pads. And **please wear nametags!***

If you have a prayer request you would like read aloud for today's prayers, please fill out one of the prayer slips found in friendship registration pads (your name is optional) and be prepared to pass it to the aisles at the time of the offering, when the slips will be collected.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:
all come together in this sacred space.

The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:
all are called by the same Spirit.

The eager, the fearful, the hesitant, the heroic:
all are embraced in God's love.

From all our places and all our experiences,
now we are gathered into God.

So let us remember, give thanks, and rejoice,
for surely God is in this place.

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

*GATHERING PRAYER

Life-giving God, who has called the whole creation into being,
who has called the hearts of the faithful before us
to rise up and follow life,
teach us again today that you call us too:
from inattentive spirits, you call us;
from weary and frightened souls, you call us;
from lives that have forgotten their purpose, you call us.
So may we renew our courage and hope,
so that whoever and wherever we are,
we will hear your call to life
and will rise up and follow with whole hearts.
In Christ's name and spirit we pray, 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!

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 12:1-9

The Call of Abraham

Matthew 9:9-13

The Call of Matthew

SERMON

“Come As You Are”

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to the center aisle to receive prayer request slips.

Invitation

Offertory Music

*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 CHURCH

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 Prayer

*HYMN

“I Come with Joy”

printed in bulletin

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion - all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God's people are welcome to receive Communion, including children, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation.

This morning we will receive Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup, which holds unfermented grape juice). Please come forward using one of the two center aisles, and return to your seats using the outside aisles. Gluten-free bread and juice are also offered. Any wishing to receive Communion who are unable to come forward may raise their hands to identify themselves to a deacon and will be served in their seats.

Invitation

The table is set, the meal is ready: the joyful feast of the people of God.

The Bread of Life is given for us, that we might share it with each other and the world.

Through the love that creates, forgives and redeems the world, God is making

all things new -

even us, even here, even now.

Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks O God, for the gifts of your table,
reminders of the gifts of all creation.

And we give thanks for your faithful love -

for your call that leads us to new futures,

for your grace that never runs out.

Now send us forth to be living gospel -

bread for each other and light for the world -

as we follow Jesus into your kingdom. Amen.

The Practice of Peace

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 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

printed in Bulletin

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

COMMUNION SERVERS

Candy Smith, Bill Hoffman, Ruth Fitzgerald
Tom Fulda

The flowers are given in memory of Ralph Tennyson
by Joan Tennyson.

The tower is lit this week in memory of Michael Tine
by Gail and Natalie Tine

Pastoral Coverage for Summer Weeks

From July 13 through September 6, while RHCC does not have a pastor on staff, pastoral coverage will be provided by the Rev. Bob Woodward, who will be our bridge minister. Bob served RHCC as Associate Pastor from 1976-82 and is fondly remembered by many in our congregation. He also served in a number of interim pastorates before his retirement. Bob will be providing leadership for Sunday worship (with the exception of August 9 and 23, when we will have lay-led worship), as well as one day a week in the church office and on-call availability for urgent pastoral concerns.

During these weeks, you may reach Bob by calling the church office (860-529-4167). Deacons will be helping to monitor church office phone messages at times when staff are not in the office.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

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

(Serve, Pray, Invoke, Receive, Ignite, Tell)

Summer Church School programming
for **Pre-K** through **5th** 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 1st - August 31st

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! “



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.

The next ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory is July 26.

Until then we 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 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 5

10:00am Worship
Communion

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 6

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm

Monday

Women's AA Chapin Hall

July 8

5:30pm
w/Carolyn

Wednesday

Pilates
Chapin Hall

July 9

Thursday

7:30pm

Chapin Hall

Men's AA

July 10

OFFICE CLOSED

5:45pm

Friday

Pilates w/Carolyn



- July 5 Frank Vann
Janice Rousseau
Tom Reed-Swale
7 Raymond Gagnon
8 Tom Rolfe
9 Betty Schako
Nancy Wilcock
10 Ruth Jensen
Sean Mullins



HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE ALTER FLOWERS

Sign up on the flower calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167). There are openings for July 12th and 26th and August 2nd, 23rd and 30th. If you have questions - please call Kathy Moser 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, rhccucc.org (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

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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

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