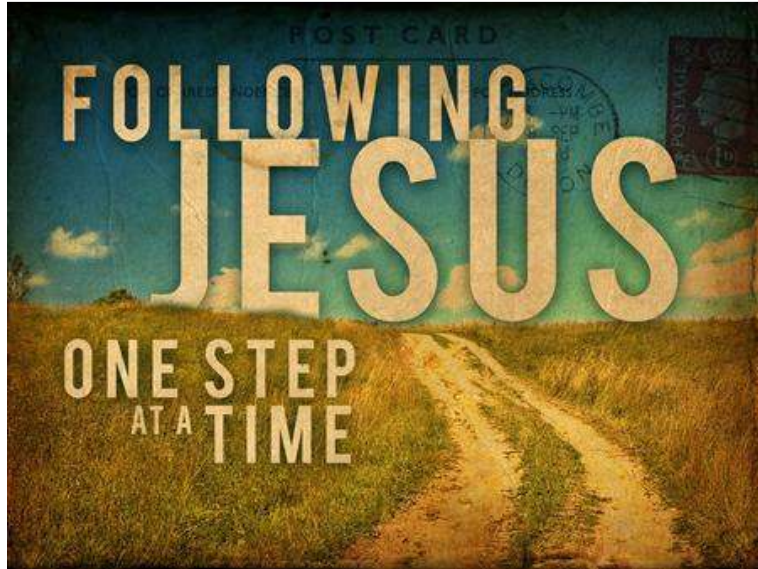


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 7, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 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 downstairs in Room 4.

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Please include your full address, phone number and email 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.



# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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## PRELUDE

“America the Beautiful”  
Ruth Fitzgerald, Liz Reed-Swale

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilaire Leavitt

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

**All: and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

L: God does not abandon us in our distress.

**All: God’s healing presence restores us to life.**

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

**All: Indeed, God turns our mourning into dancing;  
God takes off our sackcloth and clothes us with joy.**

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

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

## \*HYMN

“I Come With Joy”

N349/in bulletin

*\*please rise in body or in spirit;*

***Bold denotes unison 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, in whose  
name we 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,

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

**ANTHEM**

“Hymn of Praise”

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 10:1-20

New Testament p71

**SERMON**

“Traveling Light”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

NCH 347/bulletin

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

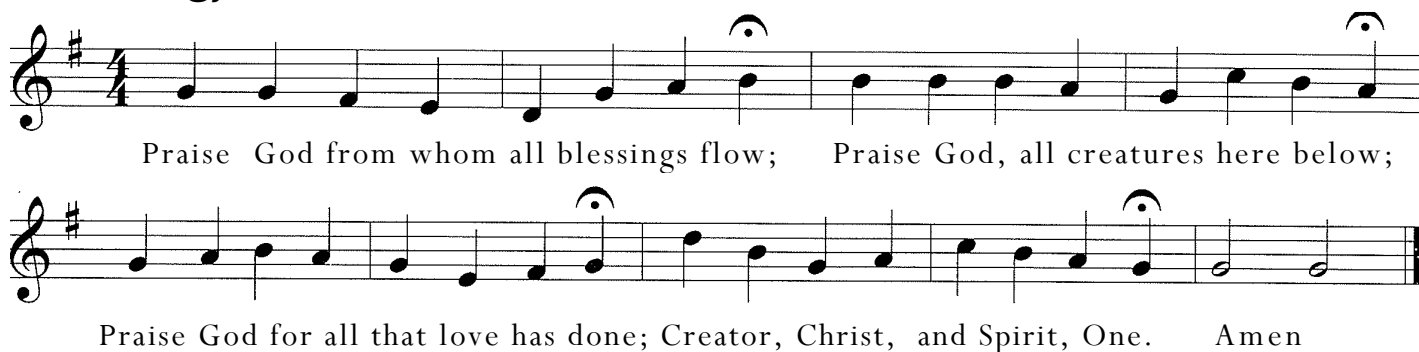
*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

## Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Liz Reed-Swale

### \*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

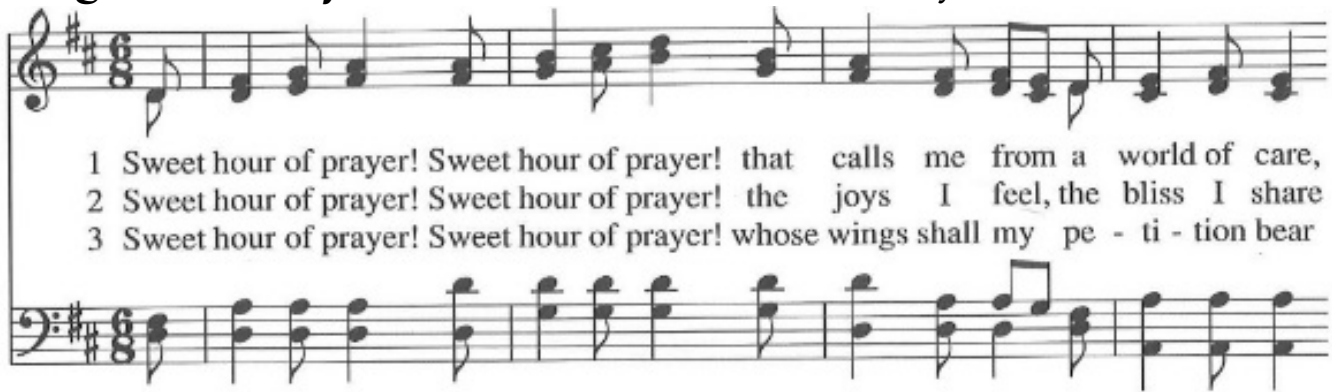
### \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

# Sung Call to Prayer

## “Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

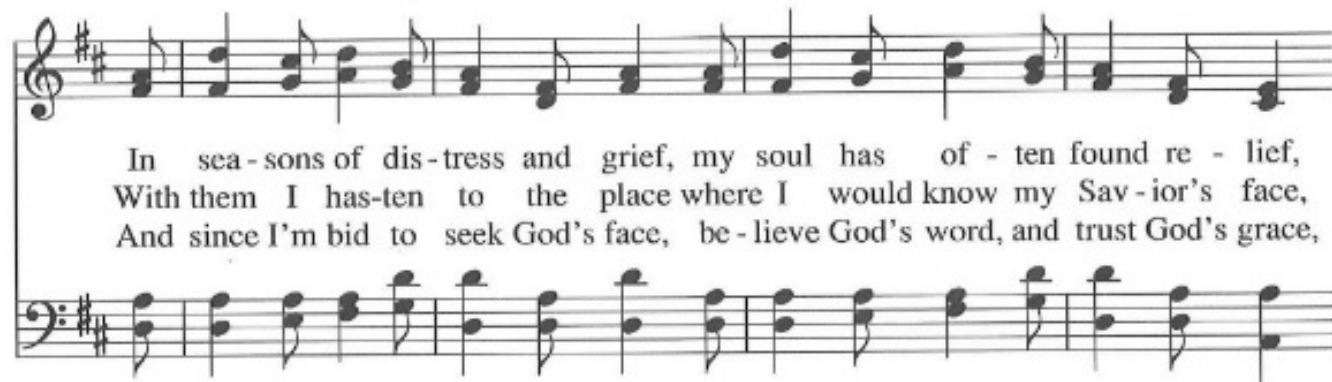
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion 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

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*This church practices open Communion; all are welcome to participate, regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**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.**

**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.**

**We 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.**

*Silent Prayer*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

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.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**



## Invitation

### Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children. This morning, we will have communion by Intinction. (Dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that the communicant receives both together.) Please come up through the center aisle to the front where the deacons will serve you. If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please tell a serving deacon when you come up.*

#### Communion Music

“Here I Am, Lord”

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**We give thanks to you, O God,  
for through this symbolic meal you have blessed us with all  
we need to do your work.**

**Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service.**

**May our sharing be a sign of your inbreaking realm  
and a source of healing and hope to a world in need.**

**We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out,  
Jesus the Christ. 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

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

NCH 18

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“This is My Song”

Ruth Fitzgerald and Liz Reed-Swale

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Hilaire Leavitt

**USHERS**

Steve Smith, Wendy Ware

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

Deb Copes, Judy Graham

**HOSPITALITY**

Nancy Harlow, SueVan Ness, Ruth Jensen

*The tower is lit this week In Loving Memory of Michael Tine, by Gail and Natalie Tine*



*Today's altar flowers are donated  
in loving memory of my husband Ralph,  
By Joan Tennyson*



*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship.*





### Flower committee

In the coming months, we have many Sundays available for memorial flowers or to mark a special occasion such as graduation, an anniversary, or special birthday. They need not be a formal flower arrangement but could be flowers from your garden, or a flowering plant. Sign up in Chapin hall.

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.



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.

Ruth Jensen, [rjensen6941@yahoo.com](mailto:rjensen6941@yahoo.com), 860-563-4617

Jean Goff, [jrsg50@gmail.com](mailto:jrsg50@gmail.com), 860-729-8153



## *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](http://www.CTSummerMeals.org)  
Help fight hunger in Connecticut!

### **RHCC FOOD PANTRY BASKET**

Hunger never takes a holiday. Food Pantries need our help to meet their food demands. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item every time you come. The large basket in the front foyer of the church welcomes your donations, and will be delivered to the Rocky Hill food pantry weekly.

Recent requests include:

- ❖ Proteins: peanut butter, canned beans, canned chicken or turkey, nuts or seeds.
- ❖ Crackers, cookies and portable snacks like peanut butter or cheese cracker packs.
- ❖ Condiments like mayonnaise and pickles, ketchup, mustard, jelly, applesauce.
- ❖ Paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner.

***All donations are welcome!***



## *From the Church Office*

- Birthdays and Anniversaries – we're updating our lists. Let us know if you have a special milestone coming up. Call or email the church office at: 860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)
- Keep sending in your photos for the new Photo Directory! If you don't have a digital photo, mail or drop off a printed photo to the office. Keep us updated of any address/phone/email changes, so we can keep our directory up to date; and most importantly, stay in touch with you!
- If you are dropping off items to donate for the Country Fair, the best time to do so is in the morning, 9am-Noon.
- The submission deadline for the weekly service bulletin and weekly e-mail blast - is every Wednesday. The email blast is sent, and the bulletin printed every Thursday.
- Summer Office Hours: The church office will be closed on Fridays in July & August. The office will be open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Rev. Craig will be on vacation July 8-15. Call the office at 860-529-4167 with any pastoral needs, to be connected to the covering Minister.



Breakfast Club at Bob's Coffee Shop, Rocky Hill  
Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:00am.  
Join us on Wed. July 10 and Wed. Aug 7.  
Join the fun!



### Church Meetings in July

The RHCC Council will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fiorilli Room.

Worship Ministry Team will meet on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fiorilli Room.



### *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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:psuconn@cox.net)) or the church office.

## 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

### July 7

10:00am Worship  
9:30am Childcare  
Youth Mission Trip

### July 8

7:00pm Women's AA

### July 9

7pm Council

### July 10

9:30am Breakfast Club

### July 11

9:30am Music Together  
7:30pm Men's AA

### July 12

OFFICE CLOSED  
Set up for Worship in Chapin Hall

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

Fiorilli

### Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop

### Thursday

Room 6  
Chapin Hall

### Friday



7	Ray Gagnon
8	Glen Schultz
8	Tom Rolfe
9	Betty Schako
9	Nancy Wilcock
10	Ruth Jensen
12	Scott Benson

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



July-August Worship Schedule:  
Enjoy worship in air-conditioned Chapin Hall this summer, beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>.



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.



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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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