

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**July 9, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fifth 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 down the hall 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

Leader: We come together to worship our God.

People: Who created us and sustains us in love.

Leader: We come together to worship Jesus,

People: Whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

Leader: We come to worship in the Spirit.

People: Through the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are given new life that we may rejoice in God's goodness and live what we experience with this fellowship of love. Amen.

*HYMN

“Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

NC (black) 491

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

This is the place and this is the time.

God waits to break into our experience: to change our lives, to changes our minds, to change our ways, to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light.

This is the time and this is the place where God can carry our burdens, fill us with hope for the future and our world.

This is the place as are all places; and this is the time as are all times. Here and now, let us be present to God.

Here and now let us worship our God.

We pray this in Jesus' name, 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

NCH 765

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has four vocal parts, each with a line of lyrics. The second system also has four vocal parts with lyrics. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the 'Alleluia' text.

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



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re - turn.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

NT Pew Bible p11

SERMON

“Humble in Heart”

Lisa Eleck, M.Div.

*HYMN

“Dear, God, Embracing Humankind”

NC (black) 502

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Lisa will come down the center aisle to 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

*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 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" (verse 1) NCH 418

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee In clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret, help me
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith sweet and
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly thou canst

bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
give, With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

O Master, let me
walk with thee
In lowly paths of
service free;
Tell me thy secret,
help me bear
The strain of toil,
The fret of care.
A-men.

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

“God Our Author and Creator”

NC (black) 530

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Bob Inderbitzen

USHERS

Deb Copes and Steve Smith, Wendy and Steve Ware

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of

Doris Schreier

by her husband, Tom Schreier

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



TODAY

Sunday, July 9 10:00am Worship, Summer Church School

Daycare in Room 4

Sunday, July 16 10:00am Worship, No Church School

Daycare in Room 4

Sunday, July 23 10:00am Worship, Summer Church School

Daycare in Room 4



Summer Sunday School

All ages (Pre-K to 8th grade) will gather for a one-room class every other Sunday during the summer. The dates are: June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 3. We will be learning about “Courageous Bible People” and “Speakers for God.”

High School Youth Group Mission Trip

Six youth and Georgette will be joining with sixteen youth and four adults from First Church in West Hartford to do home repair in and around New Orleans, July 9-15. Your prayers for safe travels and an awesome time will be most welcome.



HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167)

WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? If you'd like to learn more about our church community; please join us during coffee hour after worship and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon.

We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people.



Looking for something you left behind?
Check the Lost & Found Boxes in
Chapin Hall and near the back entrance.



The Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island Conferences of the United Church of Christ voted decisively to move ahead toward forming a new combined Conference, so that they may have a stronger voice speaking for justice and may more effectively carry out mission and ministry together.

"Let us together, as one, respond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to face the challenges that lie ahead," said Connecticut Conference Minister The Rev. Kent Siladi.

"Come, Holy Spirit, come."

For more information, visit www.ctucc.org

Silver Lake's 60th Anniversary

Please join us on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets are \$15 per person with a family maximum of \$60. Commemorative 60th T-shirts are available to purchase at the time of registration for an additional \$10. A cookout lunch will be provided, as well as time to participate in traditional Silver Lake activities, explore on your own, take a group decade photo, and join in worship.



Save the Dates!

The Country Fair

Saturday, October 21 from 9am to 3pm.!

&

The Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle

Saturday, October 28, 5:30pm

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available for sale in early September.



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. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about worship and events.



**“Regaining our Centers
Listening for the Still Voice of Love”**

Annual Retreat

Sponsored by Connecticut Women of the UCC
Rev. Lee Ireland & Rev. Cheryl Caronna, leaders

Silver Lake Conference Center

September 29 – 30, 2017

4 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost \$135

Join us for an exploration of meditation practices that can help us when life throws us curve balls and we're wrestling with our relationship with God and others, hoping to regain our centers or health and well-being.

We will listen to some stories of Jesus' life experiences and learn how to listen for the 'still, small voice' that's in each of us.

We will work on spiritual practices together, hoping that each of us will recognize those that speak to her, and can practice on her own when life seems out of balance.

On Friday night, we will watch the movie, *"The Shack"*, about a man who goes through many trials and regains his center through an interaction with God.

Saturday will include discussion, art, quiet time, worship and communion.

Come and be renewed as Christ's servants to share God's peace, grace and love

Registration fee, **\$135.00** includes 3 delicious meals, a bed for the night & endless walks in the beauty of this place. Deadline is **September 20th** to register for retreat. Detach the registration form below and mail with check made payable to: **CT Women of the UCC to Liz Longacre, 115 Cook Hill Rd, Griswold, CT 06351** **(You may copy forms as many times as necessary for friends!)**

For additional information contact: Liz Longacre, jemlongacre@netzero.net or 860-376-5837.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Church & Town: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

July 9

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:15am **Church School**

11:00am **Coffee Hour**

Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Room 25

Chapin Hall



July 10

Youth Group Mission Trip to Louisiana

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 11

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 25

July 12

9:00am **Breakfast Club**

6:00pm Pilates

Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop

Chapin Hall

9	Betty Schako
9	Nancy Wilcock
10	Ruth Jensen
10	Sean Mullins
12	Scott Benson
12	Paul Laporte
15	Anna Gau
15	Heather Lizotte
15	Dave Sageman

July 13

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 22

Chapin Hall

July 14

Friday



We will hold worship in air conditioned Chapin Hall in July and August.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE Audio recordings 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.

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, Bonafish 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 ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory will be on Sunday, July 30th (delivery on August 6).

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

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Church Website: rhccucc.org

Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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