

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



July 12, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventh 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! 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher.*

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 “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown”

Scottish Folk Tune

Arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through endings and beginnings, in life and in new life,

God is always with us.

In seasons and new seasons, through all that changes and all that abides,

God always sustains us.

In journeys and new journeys, on all the roads we walk together,

God always accompanies us.

Thanks be to our faithful Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer...

whose presence never fails.

***HYMN**

“God Is Truly With Us”

New Century (black) 68

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*GATHERING PRAYER

Holy and Ever-Present One, Giver of life and new life,
we bring before you now our grateful hearts,
filled with memory and hope.

We bring before you now our waiting hearts,
that they may be filled with your peace.

We bring before you now our trusting hearts,
that we may know again your grace
that is always and everywhere with us -
on today's road and tomorrow's,
in all memories we cherish,
in all experiences yet to be.

This we ask in Christ's name and spirit, as we also say together:

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the response, and the second system covers the second line, ending with a double bar line and the instruction '(Last time, end.)'.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! (Last time, end.)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON “Meeting on the Road” The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

*HYMN “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” New Century (Black) 539

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 Anthem “Old Irish Benediction” setting/additional words
The Choir with Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute by Don McKeever

As you move along life's journey, and the road winds up and down,

And you find that there are steep, long hills you'd rather walk around;

*Know that others walk there too. On that hot and thirsty climb,
When you wonder whether you're all together in body, soul and mind.*

Know that Jesus walked there too.

And that God did see Him through,

Oh, that you may find there God's love divine there,

Just waiting there for you.

May the road rise up to meet you,

may the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine soft upon your face,

May the rain fall soft and without lack.

And until we meet again,

As God alone commands,

I pray that God will hold you gently

In the palm of God's hand.

*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

LITANY FOR A TIME OF PASSAGE

We give thanks now to God, in whose hands are all our times and seasons.

We give thanks now to God, for the days and months of our ministry
shared:

For laughter and tears, for trust and care,

for hope and joy, for courage and strength;

for things remembered and things learned,

for edges explored and centers held fast;

for appreciation of our history,

and readiness for our future;

for the way on which we have walked together,

for the enduring bonds of our fellowship –

in all this, we give thanks to God.

All: And now we bless each other's journeys from here.
We forgive ourselves and each other for mistakes.
We release each other from any dependencies,
promising to let a new ministry take shape in freedom.
We move forward in the greatest of hope,
for new work and new dreams...
for the new life God is surely giving us.
Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Pilgrim (red) 62

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "The Spiritual Sailor" from The Sacred Harp, arr James Boeringer

LITURGIST

Ellie Maher

USHERS Sue Van Ness, Gael Curtin, Barry Wilcock, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

The flowers are given in honor of and with gratitude for
The Reverend Brenda.

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 12

10:00am **Worship**

Sunday

Sanctuary

July 13

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm

Monday

Women's AA
Chapin Hall

July 14

7:00pm

Room 24

Tuesday

Hearing voices

July 15

5:30pm

w/Carolyn

Wednesday

Pilates
Chapin Hall

July 16

7:30pm

Chapin Hall

Thursday

Men's AA

July 16

OFFICE CLOSED

5:45pm

Friday

Pilates w/Carolyn



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 26th and August 30th. If you have questions - please call Kathy Moser 860-632-9763 or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.



July 12 Paul Laporte
15 Dave Sageman
Heather Lizotte
16 Douglas Robbins
Anne Vazquez
Maley Hunt
18 Kari Cary

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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