

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**July 14, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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~

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah DeGiovanni

Leader: In this sacred hour, in this holy place,

People: we come as we are, not always holy, but hoping

Leader: for God's ear and voice and touch,

People: for God's steady presence, and energy to do good,

Leader: for comfort when we hurt, and challenge when we need it.

ALL: Come, Holy One, and work in us for our good and your glory.

*HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

NCH 459

**Please rise in body or in spirit;*

Bold denotes unison response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spirit of Christ, hear us as we pray. Take our tentative words and turn them into songs. Help us to give you the praise our souls want to give.

Spirit of Christ, speak to us when we make mistakes. Block our excuses and strengthen our wills to grow like you in our thoughts and deeds.

Spirit of Christ, work in us. Fill us with your faithful life and loving death and mighty rising. May the words you taught us to pray bring us closer to you, as we pray them now;

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,

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 3/4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me," are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a slight rise in pitch for the second phrase.

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

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." are written below the notes. The melody features a long, sustained note for "me." with a fermata, indicating a final, lingering note.

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 musical notation consists of three staves of music in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and common time (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1 and Psalm 37:35-36

I Peter 2:21-25

SERMON

“A Tale of Trees”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

*HYMN

“What Wondrous Love is This”

NCH 223

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 so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory

*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

Pastoral Prayer

HYMN

“We Love Your Realm, O God”

NCH 312

A NOTE FROM THE MODERATOR

As we near the end of Pastor Craig's time with us at RHCC, your Council and Worship Ministry are working to prepare for the months to come and will welcome any questions, words of support and guidance and most of all your continued prayers.

We are working with the Connecticut Conference for short term as well as longer term interim pastoral support. The Council will keep the congregation abreast of each step of the process with announcements and written communication to reach those not able to be at worship.



Your church leadership is aware that although it is not able to follow each and every comment and suggestion to the letter, all will be thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and decisions, by the grace of God, are for the greater good.

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 21st. 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) or the church office.



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.

Silent Auction



Summer Church school will be held on the following Sundays:

July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25.

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

Today (July 14) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory. Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, July 21. After today, the next order will be placed on August 25 (with delivery on Sept.1). A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall. E-cards may be ordered anytime.

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.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

July 14

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:15am Church School

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Room 26

July 15

7:00pm Bonsai Group
7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli

July 16

No meetings

Tuesday

July 17

7:00pm Worship Ministry

Wednesday

Fiorilli

July 18

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

July 19

OFFICE CLOSED
Set up for Worship in Chapin Hall

Friday



15 Anna Gau
15 Dave Sageman
16 Maley Hunt
16 Doug Robbins

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



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.

The best time to drop off items for Food Bank, Backpack Drive, or Fair; is Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – Noon.

If the outer door is locked (for safety) during office hours, please ring the buzzer or call the main number posted on the door.

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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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