

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 15, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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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 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.*

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## 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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**INTROIT**    “Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est”            (*Where charity is true, God is there*)  
Liz Reed-Swale

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Pulling

L: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!  
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**All: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,  
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,  
to celebrate God's glory  
and proclaim His praise!**

L: Let's worship God together!

**\*HYMN**                    “Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

NCH 491

***Bold** type denotes collective response*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**(All)**

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we have gathered in this time and at this place to worship You.

In Your time, You created all things, and wove into their fabric a yearning for fulfillment in You. It is this yearning within us which has pulled us here this morning.

Take these moments, O Lord of time and space, and complete them in us, through Your Holy Spirit. May our labor bring forth a new creation in You. This is Your hour, Christ Jesus, help us to make the most of each precious moment. For in Your name we have gathered, and we pray.

We ask 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**

**“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You” v.1**

NCH510

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -  
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to  
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience  
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to  
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from  
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -  
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.  
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.  
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.  
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Georgette Huie

**ANTHEM**

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Ephesians 1: 3-14 from *THE MESSAGE*

<sup>3-6</sup> How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

<sup>7-10</sup> Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

<sup>11-12</sup> It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

<sup>13-14</sup> It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

## SERMON

“The Heart of the Matter”

Lynn Manning

## \*HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

PH 322

*Thanks to Frank Vann for requesting this hymn*

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the worship leader will come down the center aisle to receive 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

“Be Still and Know that I am God”

(NCH743)

Musical notation for the first system of the 'Sung Call to Prayer'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that' are written below the treble staff.

Musical notation for the second system of the 'Sung Call to Prayer'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff in 3/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics 'I am God. Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the treble staff.

#### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**GUEST LEADER OF WORSHIP**

Lynn Manning

**GUEST ORGANIST**

Janet Schneider

**LITURGIST**

Randy Pulling

**USHERS**

Wendy and Steve Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

Nancy Harlow

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of  
my mother, Elizabeth by Anne Louise Griswold.*

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



**RHCC FOOD PANTRY BASKET**

Clean out your pantry! Or buy 1 extra item while shopping. Our member volunteers make weekly deliveries to the Rocky Hill Human Services Food Pantry. Items accepted:

- Home cleaning (laundry, paper towels, dish soap, napkins)
- Personal Hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, feminine products, shampoo, toilet paper)
- Hotel sizes accepted.
- Non perishable food (canned goods, cereals, rice)

Scrip Gift Cards can be donated, or you can use them to buy your donation items!

*All donations are gratefully accepted!*





*Mary Louise Griswold VanScoyk*  
*March 29, 1943 ~ June 21, 2018*

Mary Louise Griswold VanScoyk, 75, entered upon her new life on June 21, 2018, after a long, difficult illness. Born March 29, 1943, she was raised in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. After marriage to her husband of 47 years, Robert E. VanScoyk, at his duty station in the Seychelles Islands, she made her home in Eden, Utah.

Mary Louise was the youngest of Leonard and Betsey Griswold's seven children. Brothers Howard and Raymond, and sisters Margaret and Helen predeceased her. She is survived by her husband, Rob, her daughters Megan VanScoyk of New Mexico, and Robyn Kondo of California, sisters Ruth Peters of Minnesota and Leona Dunham of Connecticut, a large family of Griswold cousins, many nieces and nephews to whom "Aunt Mary" was special, and her life-long, best friend, Linda Forino of Enfield, Connecticut.

A Rocky Hill High School graduate, Mary worked for Connecticut Bank and Trust Co. Upon moving to Utah, she was employed by Williams International. Mary was a long time and devoted member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Ogden, Utah. She and Rob shared an enthusiasm for out-of-doors activities and a very favorite camp site in St. George. She was devoted to her families, her church, others. Her bright smile, welcoming voice, positive outlook and uplook, and big heart will be fondly remembered.

Family met with friends on June 30, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington Blvd. Ogden Utah. Mary Louise's family extends to her medical "angels" and teams deep appreciation for the friendship, many kindnesses and faithful care given while accompanying them and her on their long journey.

**In Connecticut, a reception to remember and celebrate her life and new life, will take place on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m. at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, where her family will greet guests. All are welcome to attend.**

The family will hold a private burial service before the Reception at Center Cemetery in Rocky Hill at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Craig L. Cowing, Pastor of Rocky Hill Congregational Church.





### **OUR WORSHIP CORE MINISTRY SEEKS COMMUNION SERVERS**

The worship core ministry is looking for a few good people who have never served communion before to be included in the new serving schedule beginning this October. Servers in the past have all been deacons or life deacons, but we would like to open it up to people who never served on diaconate. Communion each month will be led by a current member of the worship core ministry or an experienced life deacon, so all you have to do is bring yourself to church at 9:30 instead of 10:00. The lead server for that month will guide you through the process. If you want to serve but cannot navigate the steep stairs to the balcony-no problem. We already have servers who always stay downstairs and you can join them. Would you prefer to have some training in advance? We will happily do that too, probably in September. If you are interested please contact the church office or Christopher Sheehan at [sheehancole@att.net](mailto:sheehancole@att.net) or (860) 529-5151. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **VMT – VISITOR MINISTRY TEAM**

Bring a smile and a prayer to a church member. One of the new ministry teams is being formed to visit church members in person, by mail or phone. If you would like to learn more or be included in with team, please contact Steph Heneghan, Wendy Ware or Don Pagnucco.



### **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE MINISTRY TEAM**

With the passage of our new governance structure and the start of another church year on May 1, the Time Talent and Treasure Ministry is officially off and running.

While we're still gearing up, there are many activities in the works.

Here are a few:

- We have started planning for our next pledge campaign and hope to better link the idea of Stewardship in all of our ministries
- We are starting a new Ministry Team to help us all connect our individual time and talent with the various ministries that are important to us.
- We have also started a new ministry team to begin exploring ways for us to build on the foundation of our current history and endowment with a campaign for planned giving and/or legacy fund creation.

TTT Ministry: Ruth Fitzgerald, Deb Copes, Barry Wilcock, Gail Hall, and Doretta Andonucci. If you are interested in helping out or have questions, please contact Ruth Fitzgerald [rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com](mailto:rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com).

# 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:

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- 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, Buffalo Wild Wings, 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, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

**The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on July 29.**

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 15

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
11:00am **Coffee Hour**

### July 16

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

### July 17

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### July 18

11:30am Little Scholars Mtg

### July 19

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

### July 20

**Set up for memorial reception**

### July 21

10:00am ACA Meeting  
11:45am **Memorial Reception**

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Room 4  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Rm

### Tuesday

Room 6

### Wednesday

Preschool Room

### Thursday

Room 22  
Chapin Hall

### Friday

Chapin Hall

### Saturday

Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall



15	Anna Gau
15	Heather Lizotte
15	Dave Sageman
16	Maley Hunt
16	Doug Robbins
19	Lynn McKenna
21	Francis DiRenzo,



#### **BACKPACK DRIVE**

- Our Ministry Team for Missions is collecting school items for kids in need.
- Collecting: Backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, small tissue packs, crayons.
- Drop donated items into the food collection basket on Sunday, or during weekday office hours.
- Thank you for your support!

*Our church will host a Memorial Reception for Mary Louise Griswold VanScoyk on Saturday, July 21 at 11:45am in Chapin Hall. (A private burial service will be held that morning.) Mary Louise is the sister of Leona Griswold Dunham, sister in law to Rev. Art Dunham, and the cousin of Anne Louise Griswold.*

*All are welcome to attend. Please see Jan LaCava or Steph Heneghan if you would like to help with the reception.*

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Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://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](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

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