

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 16, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Sixth 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ruth Fitzgerald

Leader: God visits the earth and waters it

**All: Greatly enriching the earth.**

Leader: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

**All: And blessing the earth.**

Leader: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

**All: Let us shout and sing together for joy!**

## \*HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

NC (black) 12

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us.

Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word  
that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also.

When we receive your word,

may we nurture it so that it grows roots within us.

May we not be distracted by the lure of wealth or the  
cares of the world.

Let us be good soil, receiving your word, understanding it,  
and acting upon it.

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

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 two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia' repeated four times in each line, with a final exclamation 'Al-le - lu - ia!' at the end of the second line.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### SOLO

“Come to Me”  
Melody Hall, soprano

Ludwig van Beethoven

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

OT Pew Bible p685

### SERMON

“Come, Buy, and Eat”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

PH (red) 342

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig 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 Solo

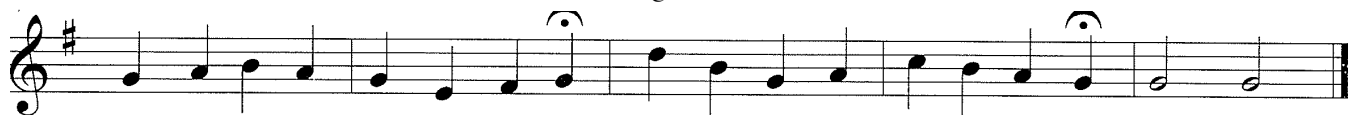
“The Heavens Are Telling”

Ludwig van Beethoven

### \*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**

“Praise to the Living God”

NC (black) 8

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**LITURGIST**

Ruth Fitzgerald

**USHERS**

Jim and Lois Stevens

**HOSPITALITY**

Jackie Little

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of her Mother, by Anne Louise Griswold*

*The tower is lit in loving memory of  
Mayne Pittsinger and Arthur "Herb" Murk  
by Marge Murk*



WORSHIP

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

Sunday, July 30 10:00am Worship, No Church School

Daycare in Room 4

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome visitors! 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.





## Summer Sunday School

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

## *Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls* *Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Weil Chapel*



The healing vibrations of the singing bowls can uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind. Join Rev. Craig Cowing in the Weil Chapel (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level in the Church building) on the third Friday of each month. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend! Bring a yoga mat or small blanket. Free-will food offerings support the Rocky Hill Food Bank.



We're updating our records: Please contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone or email. Directories are available in the office. New Directories will be published in September. Contact us at: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or 860-529-4167.

## RHCC FOOD PANTRY BASKET

Clean out your pantry! Or buy 1 extra item while shopping.

Our church collects donations for the Rocky Hill Human Services Food Pantry. Currently there is a special need for non-food items especially:

- Paper towels, tissues, bathroom tissue, napkins
- Foil, wax paper, soap, laundry detergent and dish soap
- Scrip Gift Cards can be donated, or you can use them to buy your donation items!
- All donations are gratefully accepted!





Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old).



Jael Williams

7/2/2017

To me, the best part of any worship service is the singing of the hymns, especially those familiar ones of long ago. They bring back nostalgic memories of incidents, places, and people. Of special reference is my grandmother who sang hymns and spirituals whenever, wherever and at any time the spirit led her to do so. During the years I have added my own favorites to those that had been imbedded in me over the years, and now I sing whenever, wherever, and any time the spirit leads me, as my grandmother did. I realize that I do not have the voice of a nightingale, but that is of no consequence to me.

It is not surprising, therefore, that as I went through the list of workshops slated for today at General Synod 2017, the one on "Experiencing the African American Spirituals" became a 'must' for me. Attendees were informed that spirituals originated from the enslaved African people and were regarded as work songs, signal songs, meeting songs, etc. We spent the best part of the hour enthusiastically singing to several familiar spirituals. There were some that I and some others had not heard before but, as is usually the case with spirituals, we quickly picked up the words and joined in the singing. Thanks to Jeannette Brown and her co-presenter for spearheading a relaxing hour to end my second day at Synod.

On Monday afternoon, Bob Inderbitzen helped represent the resolution advocating for the rights of adult adoptees to access their original birth certificate. While the resolution garnered a majority of favorable votes, it didn't achieve the 2/3 majority required for passage. Bob said, "while I'm disappointed, I'm grateful we had the opportunity to share stories of adoption, and our love for adoptees, adoptive families, first mothers, and birth fathers." #UCCGS (Photo credit, Kent Siladi)



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## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### July 16

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

11:00am **Coffee Hour**

### July 17

Noon Bonsai Group

7:00pm Bonsai Group

7:00pm Women's AA

### July 18

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### July 19

6:00pm Pilates

### July 20

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

### July 21

7:00pm **Tibetan Bowls**

### Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

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### Tuesday

Room 25

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

### Thursday

Room 22

Chapin Hall


### Friday

Weil Chapel



16	Maley Hunt
16	Doug Robbins
19	Lynn McKenna
21	Francis DiRenzo, Jr
22	Holli Bacon



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

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# 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, Bonefish 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](http://rhccucc.org)

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

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