

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



July 17, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Ninth 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

PRELUDE

“El Shaddai”

by Card/Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the One
who calls us to love and speak truth to power:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We are called to love and defend our brothers and sisters
who suffer in silence:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: We must rise up, stand up, and speak up for righteousness:

People: No one can stop us from speaking the truth.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate together the power to love
and to speak truth:

**People: We are ready to worship our God who is always present with
us.**

***HYMN** “Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers” New Century (black) 397

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon us;
allow your presence to fill us with power from on high.
Come, Holy One, and dwell among us.
We need your authority to love our neighbor
and speak to the powers of this world.
Give us a special anointing to stand and be witnesses
in our homes, our schools, and on our jobs.
Come into this place and make us one with each other.
It is in Jesus' name we pray as he 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

NC 750

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first musical system features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving stepwise to D5, with a final half note on G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second musical system follows the same structure as the first, with a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff starts on G4 and ends on D5.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third musical system is identical to the first, providing a third instance of the sung response with treble and bass staves in G major.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

“The Amazing Love”
The Choir

Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37 P

Pew Bible NT p.61

SERMON

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

The Rev. Craig Cowing

*HYMN

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

New Century (black)539

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

Offertory Anthem “God is Singing Songs of Love”
The Choir

words by M.T. Winter
music by Don McKeever

*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

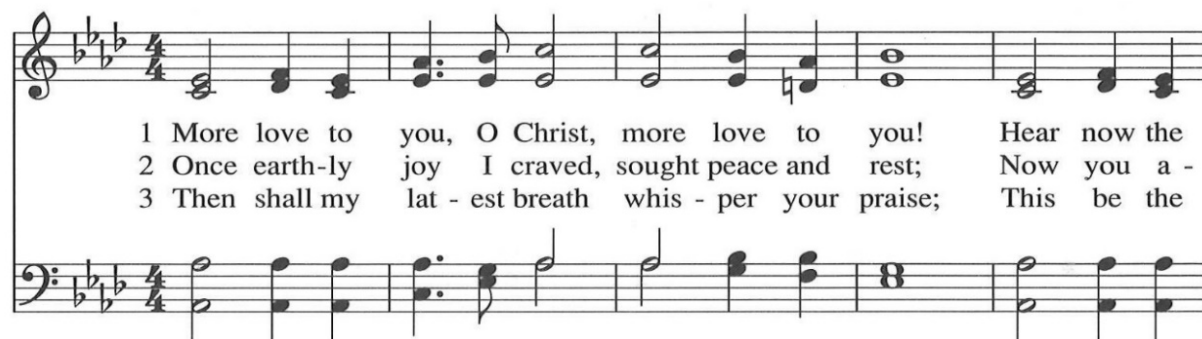
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer

“More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1)

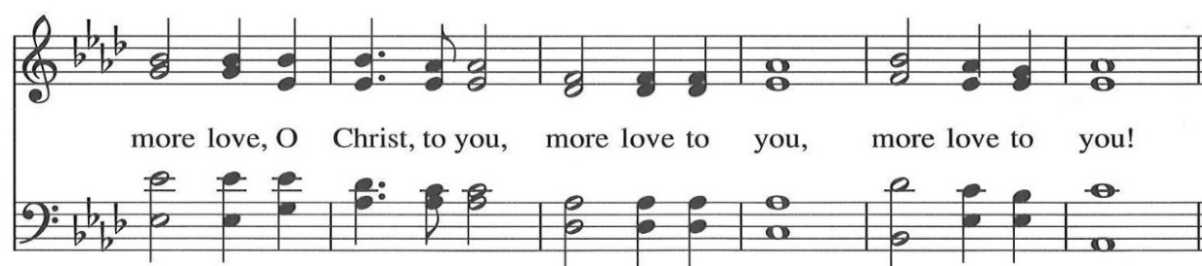
NC 456



1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



Refrain
prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:



more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

New Century (black) 388

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Jesu meine Freude”

Friedrich W. Zachau

LITURGIST

Sara DeGiovanni

USHERS

Anita Hawkins, Wendy and Steve Ware

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*Today's altar flowers are donated
In Loving Memory of my Mother, Elizabeth Griswold
by Anne Louise Griswold*



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

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sun. July 24 | 10:00am | Worship in Chapin Hall Kids' Summer Sunday School |
| Sun. July 31 | 10:00am | Worship in Chapin Hall |
| Sun. Aug 7 | 10:00am | Worship in Chapin Hall Kids' Summer Sunday School |



The icon for JULY is by Antonello de Messina, an Italian painter of the late 1400's. It depicts Mary at the Annunciation alone, as she absorbs what she has just realized. Stop by for some quiet reflection in the Weil Chapel during July!

Longtime member and beloved friend, Doris Schreier passed away peacefully on July 12. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, August 6th at Rocky Hill Congregational Church. A calling hour with the family will be held in the Parlor from 1-2pm. The service will begin at 2pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in Chapin Hall. Cards of Sympathy may be sent to: Thomas Schreier, 15 South Pembroke Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109

In Loving Memory
of those who are forever
present in our hearts.



Do you love knitting or do you want to learn?

The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Denise Carberry with any questions.



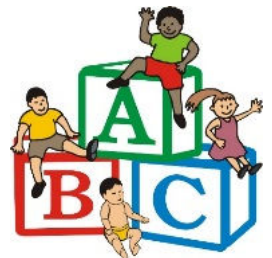
HEAVENLY HELPERS One of the most meaningful pastoral services that our church community offers is a memorial service and, for current or previous members, a reception for family and friends afterwards. Food, flowers and fellowship are staples of church family and are very much appreciated by those celebrating the life of someone they have known and loved. The number of folks available to offer this service is dwindling. Often, there is not much notice given for the event and the time and effort needed are easier when shared by many. Volunteers are asked to bake, or help for 2 hours of setting up, or two hours for serving and cleaning up. The families who are served by this mission are so grateful and the act of having lightened the burden of grief is special for those of us who serve. Please contact **Jan LaCava 860-529-2192 or Steph Heneghan 860-529-4672** to volunteer.

Pastor Craig will be organizing a confirmation class along with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Faith Formation. Please contact him if you would like to learn more. We hope to start in the fall.



Welcome to our new Church Child Care Provider

The Personnel Committee, Board for Faith Formation, and Church Council are pleased to welcome Liz Pulling as our church's new Child Care Provider. Liz will help provide child care during Sunday worship in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We are pleased to re-introduce this important ministry of welcome and hospitality to families attending our services with infants and toddlers.



Liz and her family have been members of our church since 2001 – and she's a familiar face to many of our children and families. Parents and guardians are encouraged to stop-in to say hello to Liz before or after worship. She'll be pleased to meet you and your children. You can accompany your children to the nursery before or anytime during worship.

During the next few summer weeks, Child Care will be offered on the following Sundays: July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 28.

We are also seeking adult volunteers to help Liz on Sundays—to ensure we have 2 adults present in the nursery. If you're interested in volunteering to help Liz, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue Project

The youth have started a collection for this program, and are asking folks to bring in dog crates, towels, dog food, toys or cleaning products. There is a collection bin in Chapin Hall. Thank you for your support!



The display case outside the church office has been transformed into a beautiful sea-faring work of art by Joan Tennyson. Stop by to see it. If you had donated your cross for the previous display, please pick it up in the office on Sunday or during office hours. Thank you.



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.

Summer Backpack Drive

This summer, we will once again support our Covenant to Care liaison, Allison, by providing backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Teenagers are most in need of school supplies. Items needed are:

Colored pencils, spiral notebooks, compass, drawing pads, erasers, file folders, rulers, pencils and sharpeners, highlighters, stapler & staples, binders, filler paper and backpacks.

You can also donate gift cards and the supplies will be purchased. The final date for collection will be in August. Items can be left in the Missions office or Church Office.

See Kari McCaw with any questions.



Missing something? Check the Lost & Found boxes near the elevator and in Chapin Hall.



Hunger never takes a holiday... Food Pantries need our help to meet the food demands... Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item, laundry detergent, or baby items to worship every time you come. The large basket from the narthex is now in Chapin Hall for the summer. Thank you for all you do to help and serve those in need.

WELCOME VISITORS

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. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



RHCC Golf Tournament -- Sunday, September 25th

This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th at the Wethersfield Country Club. We are planning for up to (8) foursomes and tee times will start about noon. Details of cost and tournament format will be available about a month before the tournament. A sign-up sheet will be available in Chapin Hall in September, or you can contact Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot. Don't miss out on this fun event!



Connecticut Conference ONA Ministry Team upcoming events

Friday, September 23 7pm Bisexual Visibility Day Worship

Center Congregational Church UCC, Meriden, CT

Bi Visibility Day is observed on September 23 by members of the bisexual community and their supporters. This celebration of bisexuality in particular, as opposed to general LGBT events, was conceived as a response to the prejudice and marginalization of the bisexual persons by some in both the straight and greater LGBT communities. Come worship with us at 7pm on September 23, 2016 at Center Congregational Church of Meriden, CT (474 Broad St, Meriden, CT) as we show Christ's inclusive love through an ever increasing welcome in our Connecticut Conference UCC churches!!

November 18-19 3pm Building an Inclusive Church Training

East Woodstock Congregational Church

Please join the Connecticut Conference Open and Affirming for the upcoming Building an Inclusive Church training designed to empower individuals to coach ministries through the process of becoming ONA. The training will take place on Friday, November 18th from 3pm to 6pm and Saturday, November 19th from 9am to 3pm. We would like to have 1-3 volunteers from each church. Please register for the training by Friday, November 4th by emailing ctuconna@gmail.com There will be a \$25 registration fee in order to cover our costs. If you have additional questions about the training, please contact Greg Gray (706) 254-4026 We hope you can join us for this event as we work to build a Church that embraces all people!

November 18 7:30pm Connecticut ONA Worship Service

East Woodstock Congregational Church

Please join Connecticut Conference Open and Affirming for the upcoming Connecticut ONA Worship Service on Friday, November 18th at 7:30pm, when we will gather to worship with a time of Holy Communion, and celebrate the ministries of those being trained this weekend. This event is open to all, and all are welcome. Bring your friends and families!!!

We hope to see you at all these events, and appreciate your help in spreading the word!

May grace and peace prove stronger,

Greg Gray

CT Conference ONA Ministry Team, chair

Invite your friend to our
Summer Coffee Houseand Fiesta!
with Bobby Jo Valentine
FRIDAY, JULY 22!

We are so delighted that Bobby Jo Valentine is coming back to RHCC-UCC this summer. Last June, Bobby delighted a packed Chapin Hall coffeehouse with his special talent for songs from the heart. Talented, engaging and authentic, Bobby's gentle and humorous style will touch your heart. He now has a new album out, so he has even more to share. Please join us for a great evening of food (of course!), sharing, humor and deep connection.

A south-of-the-border themed dinner will be served between 6:15 and 7:30 (come any time during that time). The coffeehouse music will begin at 7:30.

*While there is no charge for this event, your free will offering will be donated to Hearts Over Latin America. *HOLA is a humanitarian organization run by UConn undergraduates. Its mission is to provide sustainable improvements in the quality of life of underserved communities in Latin American while fostering global leadership among students." Our own Sarah Mosure was one of the founding members of HOLA and has made several humanitarian trips to Latin America during her UConn career.*



Country Fair News
The Fair will be held on
Saturday, October 22nd
from 9am to 3pm.



We are very excited to be having the Children's Booth back again as "Kids Corner". It will be operated by Holly Alessi, she is planning to sell toys, and play games. There will also be cotton candy sold. Also planned is a costume contest for the categories of scariest, prettiest and most original, plus a parade led by Liz Reed Swale. We will also have the pleasure of having Liz Reed sing in Chapin Hall.

The fair will be on 3 floors, the 3rd floor will have a White Elephant room, Antiques & Collectables and Sew Country (which will have all things sewing, knitting, etc.). On the 2nd floor will be the Tea Room, The bottom floor will have the Silent Auction, Kid's Corner, Holiday Shop and Jewelry. In Chapin Hall will be the Candy Shop, Bake Shop, Farmers Market and the Snack Shop.

The "Once Again" quilt will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win the quilt. The Quilt drawing will be held the same night as the Country Fair Dinner on November 5th at 5:30pm. Tickets for the dinner will be available during the fair and also be contacting the church office at (860) 529-4167.

If you would like to donate something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. For donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner we ask that it be clean and in good shape. I am sorry but we will not come and pick up. Being a volunteer is a great way to see the fair, if you want to volunteer but can't stay the whole day that is not a problem. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.

Booth Chairpersons:

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| Silent Auction: Elaine Somes | 563-4099 |
| Kid's Corner: Holly Alessi | 680-3163 |
| Holiday Shop: Lynn McKenna | 836-0961 |
| Jewelry: Bea Donahue | 529-8687 |
| Candy Shop: Candy Smith | 563-4488 |
| Bake Shop: Don & Polly Pagnucco | 563-3233 |
| Farmers Market: Ruth Jensen | 563-4617 |
| Tea Room: Sue Starr | 529-3150 |
| Sew Country: Nancy Rolfe & Anita Hawkins | |
| Antiques & Collectables: Nancy Harlow | 529-4214 |
| White Elephant: Bob Carberry | 563-8311 |
| Snack Shack: Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi ... | 529-3652 |



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 order for cards not kept in inventory will be submitted **on July 24.**

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.

See **Gail Hall** or **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 17

10:00am Worship

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 18

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 19

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Fiorilli

July 20

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

July 21

9:30am Healing Hands Harmony

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

July 22

Bobby Jo Valentine Concert Chapin Hall

Friday



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| 19 | Lynn McKenna |
| 21 | Francis DiRenzo, Jr |
| 22 | Holli Bacon |

Bring your friends to our Bobby Jo Valentine
Coffeehouse Concert & Fiesta dinner
Friday, July 22, 6:00 – 9:00pm Chapin Hall

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**Volunteers to help with clean up at the end of the night are most appreciated!*

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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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