

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



July 19, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*We welcome all and extend a special greeting to visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here this morning! Our **summer services** (through Labor Day weekend) will be held in air-conditioned Chapin Hall. Fellowship time and refreshments follow immediately after.*

*The **Welcome Table** in Chapin Hall offers information about the church. **Hearing-assist devices** may be picked up at the back of Chapin Hall and **large-print bulletins** are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.*

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## 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

"There is a Redeemer"

Melody Green

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God has searched us and knows us.

God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**God searches out our path and our lying down.**

**God is acquainted with all our ways.**

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it.

God's hand is ever available to guide us.

**Such knowledge is a wonder to us.**

**It is beyond anything we can attain.**

We cannot escape from God's Spirit.

There is nowhere to flee from God's presence.

**Darkness is as light to our God.**

**God illuminates the way before us.**

## \*HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

printed in bulletin

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

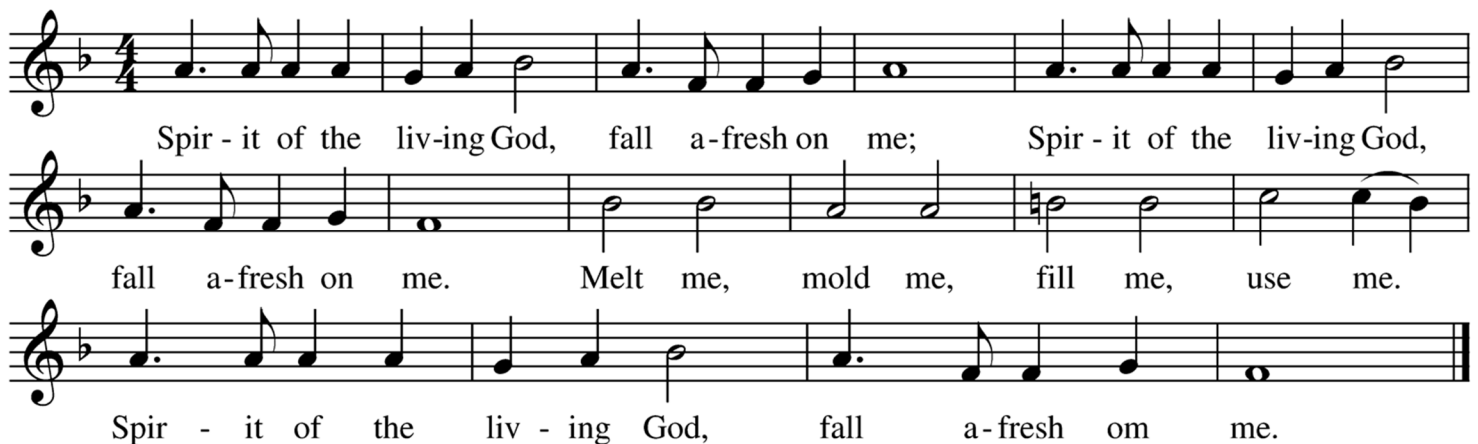
*\***Bold type denotes collective response.***

## \*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ever-present God, to Whom each of us is fully known,  
and before Whom we come in awe,  
grant that we may live as Your children, listening for Your word,  
responding to Your call, and following the way of Christ.  
Inspire us to witness to Your glory, bear fruit to benefit all Your  
children, and grow together in light and love,  
that all the world may come to know You and honor Your reign,  
in Jesus' name, Who invites us to pray,

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



Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv-ing God,  
fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh om me.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

## ANTHEM

## READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Mark 3:31-35  
Mark 10:28-30  
John 19:25-27

## SERMON

“Who Is My Family”

The Rev. Bob Woodward

## \*HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is A Flower”

printed in bulletin


## 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 Music

### \*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

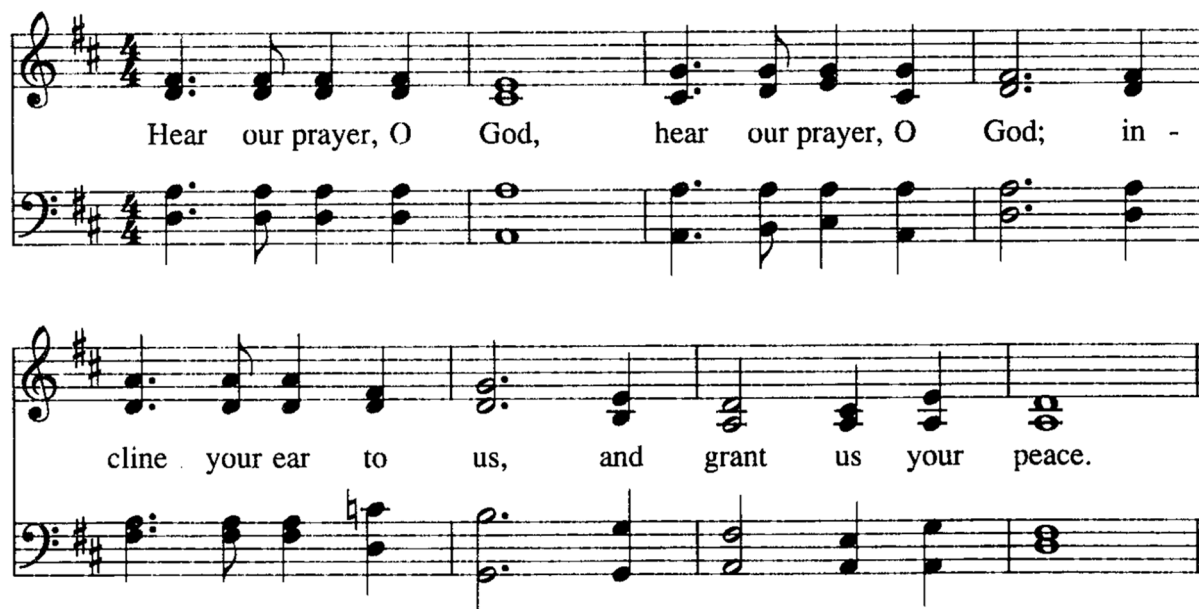
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Joys & Concerns

### Sung Call to Prayer



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

## Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

printed in Bulletin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Johann Crueger

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**LITURGIST**

Judy Graham

**USHERS**

Bill and Marsha Hoffman

**HOSPITALITY**

Anne Louise Griswold and Jackie Little

**The flowers are given by Anne Louise Griswold  
in memory of her mother Elizabeth K. Griswold.**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

will be offered on the following Sundays, during worship

(children begin in worship):

**July 26 ~ August 9 ~ August 23**

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

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.



Much appreciation goes out to the following members for Ushering in June - Bobbie and Dave Hawkins, Lynn, Emily and Will McKenna, Marge Murk, Julia O'Connor, Victoria Bower, Louis Direnzo, Bea Donahue, Bob Simmons and Anne Louise Griswold. From Elaine



### **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 Gail Hall 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 19

10:00am **Worship**  
11:30am **Deacons**

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Room

### July 20

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm Women's AA

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### July 21

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

Room 24

### July 22

5:30pm Pilates w/ Carolyn

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

### July 23

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### July 24

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Friday



#### **HONOR LOVED ONES DEDICATE ALTER FLOWERS**

Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall**, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto: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 19 Lynn McKenna  
21 Francis DiRenzo Jr.  
22 Holli Bacon  
24 Janet Hansen

#### **WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org) (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

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**Summer Office Hours**

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday and Friday closed

**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

Bridge Pastor: The Rev. Robert G. Woodward

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