

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



July 23, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventh 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

“Variations on Langran”
Melody and Dave Hall, cellists

arr. D. Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Stevens

Leader: We come to celebrate God's blessings to us.

People: Surely God is in this place!

We come to open ourselves to God's guidance and love.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to see God in this community of seekers.

Surely God is in this place!

We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.

Surely God is in this place! Let us worship!

*HYMN

“Come, We Who Love God's Name”

NC (black) 382

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, you know us already.
Help us to know you better.
Let us see you all around us.
Fill our worship with your Spirit
so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places.
We pray 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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,' for the first system and 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!' for the second system. The score ends with a double bar line.

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!

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



ANTHEM

"You Raise Me Up"
Melody Hall, soprano

by Lovland & Graham

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

NT Pew Bible p14-15

SERMON

"We Are the Harvest"

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

NC (black) 173

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

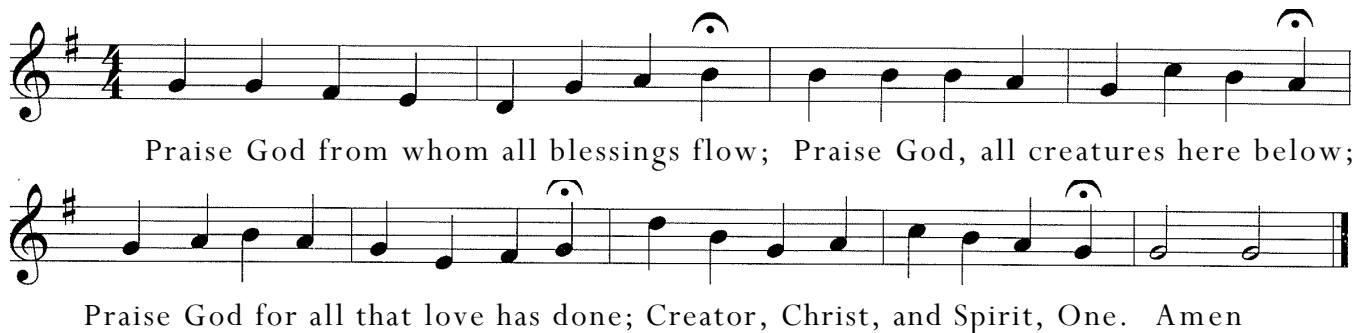
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory

"Spirit of Love"
Melody, Gail, and Dave Hall - vocal trio

by S. Murray

*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** “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

PH (red) 461

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST ORGANIST

Janet Schneider

LITURGIST

Jim Stevens

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Sarah DeGiovanni, Marge Murk

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of
her husband, Warren
By Gladys Carpenter*



WORSHIP

Sunday, July 23 10:00am Worship, Summer Church School

Childcare during worship in Room 4

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

Childcare during worship in Room 4

Sunday, August 6 10:00am Worship w/ Communion

Summer Church School, Childcare

(note: there will be no Childcare on Sunday, August 13th)

WELCOME VISITORS!

Interested in joining the church? 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.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

ICON OF THE MONTH – JULY

Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel.

A copy of Andrei Rublev's Old Testament Trinity icon, painted around 1500.

This refers back to the three angels visiting Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 18:1-15.



Save the Dates!

The Country Fair

Saturday, October 21 from 9am to 3pm.!

&

The Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle

Saturday, October 28, 5:30pm

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available for sale in early September.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

July 23

10:00am **Worship**

9:30am **Childcare**

10:15am **Church School**

11:00am **Coffee Hour**

Sunday

Sanctuary

Room 4

Room 25

Chapin Hall

July 24

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 25

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 25

July 26

6:00pm Pilates

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

July 27

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 22

Chapin Hall

July 28

Friday



24	Janet Hansen
27	C J Mason



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

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship



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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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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