

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 24, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tenth 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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## PRELUDE

“Berceuse”

A. Iljinsky

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Bower

Leader We come abounding in thanksgiving:  
People **For in Christ we find in all fullness  
the holiness  
the justice  
the hope of God.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:  
**To feel God's life in us  
flowing through our roots in Christ  
and establishing our faith.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:  
**To celebrate the mystery of God-with-us:  
Christ, who lives fully in us  
and in whom we fully live.**

All Let us welcome the One who was sent  
to make us alive in the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## \*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good”

New Century (black) 6

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

*Bold type denotes collective response*

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, we know you will come to us and give us what is good.  
Let your glory till the landscape of our hearts  
so that it will yield an increase of love for you.  
Speak peace to us, your faithful, and to all who yearn for you.  
Like Hosea of old, help us to be willing to do as you ask,  
That we may rejoice to be children of the living God.  
For we know that as we ask, it will be given  
and as we knock, the door will be opened to us.  
Come, bring your goodness to us your children.  
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

NC 750

The musical notation consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." for the first and third systems, and "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." for the second system. The vocal lines feature a melodic phrase that repeats in each system, while the piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

### COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH DELEGATES

**Leader:** At this time, we are delighted to invite those who are participating in the National Youth Event to come forward.

As you make your final preparations for the National Youth Event, be reminded as you leave the security of home and familiar surroundings that you are following Jesus' call into new experiences and different surroundings. At this event you will be challenged to BELIEVE – to be confident in God, to trust in one another, and to take responsibility for making a difference in the world. Be open to listening and learning from your fellow travelers as well as those you meet along the way.

At NYE and in all you do, know that you are the church and you are the face of Christ in all you do: hands, hearts, minds, voices, and feet. We honor and respect your creativity, your leadership, and the gifts you will share as you live out the love of Christ and share with us when you return.

I ask you, “Do you promise to prayerfully participate in the four pillars of NYE with open hearts, minds, and spirits, allowing the Holy Spirit to transform and deepen your faith?”

**Youth and Chaperones:** We promise with the help of God to prayerfully explore, with questioning and discernment, the four pillars of NYE: faith, social justice, leadership, and service.

**Leader:** Family and friends of Rocky Hill Congregational Church we too are called as followers of Christ and servants of God's love. While these youth and adults have committed themselves to this trip, we ask you to commit to their trip as well by praying for them and the people they will meet. I ask you, “Do you promise to prayerfully support these youth and adults?”

**Families and Congregation:** Yes, with the help of God.

**Leader:** Dear God, you who guide our going out and our coming in from this day forth and evermore, guide us all in the ways we follow you and show your love. Bless those travelling to the National Youth Event, those they meet along the way, and those of us who care for them and pray for them from afar while they are gone. Help us all to respond to the call to BELIEVE in everything we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## 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

"Spirit of Love"

Murray/Barnby

Melody, Gail and Dave Hall - vocal trio

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

Pew Bible NT p.62

## SERMON

"Teach Us To Pray"

The Rev. Craig Cowing

## \*HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

New Century (black) 505

## 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

"Largo from Concerto in G Minor for 2 Violoncelli"

Vivaldi

Melody and Dave Hall, cellists

## \*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	“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”	Pilgrim Hymnal (red) 211
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Praludium”	Rinck

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LITURGIST	Victoria Bower
USHERS	Wendy and Steve Ware
HOSPITALITY	Jackie Little

*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of Cathrine Macri by Joan Tennyson*

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### LOOKING AHEAD

TODAY July 24	10:00am	Kids’ Summer Sunday School (Rm 24)
Sun. July 31	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
Sun. Aug 7	10:00am	Worship in Chapin Hall
		Kids’ Summer Sunday School

On July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 28, Child Care during worship is available 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.



## RHCC UCC High School Youth Group

From July 26-30, three high schoolers (Victoria Bower, Julia O'Connor, and Brian Speers) and two chaperones (Georgette Huie and Sue VanNess) will travel to Orlando for the UCC's National Youth Event (NYE). NYE is held every four years, and this time around, it is being held at Disney World! Thanks to all your generosity, we have raised enough funds to pay for the trip. It is expected that 4,000 youth and chaperones will be attending. Keynote speakers include amazing young people from around the world who have made, and are making, a positive difference in their countries and communities.



## 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!



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 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.

### 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.



New Members Are Joining



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.



### Honor Your Loved Ones

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office (860-529-4167)

The UCC Connecticut Conference Choir is an initiative of the Racial Justice Ministry of the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ.

### **Footsteps of Peace Event**

Sunday, October 23 – Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford

1:30pm – Sacred Conversations on Race

4:00pm - Concert

A new season of promise is upon us and we are sincerely praying you all will join us once again and bring many to experience this wonderful new work we have planned for the summer and fall. **On October 23, 2016** the choir will host and perform in a major fundraiser for the Racial Justice Ministry to continue and expand its' work. The Footsteps of Peace event will begin with three Sacred Conversations on Race, a reception where organizations will recruit volunteers for peace and social justice work and a major concert including our choir. Attached is the flyer with all the information you need for rehearsals and music preparation. The Asylum Hill Congregational Choir and other choirs will be invited to sing with us.

Please check out the [ctucc.org](http://ctucc.org) Racial Justice Ministry webpage to register for the RJM Facilitator Training being held on July 26-30.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to the work of the choir and your continued support. Please share this poster and bring others to join the choir and the share in the important work we are doing. -Jolie & Anne

For more info on the CT Conference Racial Justice Ministry visit -

<http://ctucc.org/racialjustice/>

For more info on Footsteps of Peace visit - [www.footstepsofpeace.com](http://www.footstepsofpeace.com)

*The UCC CT Conference Choir is an initiative of the Racial Justice Ministry of the United Church of Christ, Connecticut Conference. Our main goal is to work toward the eradication of racism by providing a safe and diverse environment where worshiping God through music is the catalyst for sharing, breaking barriers and building bridges. We strive to build community and fellowship through opportunities to explore and enjoy music and faith-centered social justice discussions at Silver Lake Conference Center and various UCC churches across the state. All ages are welcome to join the choir. We meet once a month beginning with a full day retreat in April and 10am-1pm sessions through October. Participants must **attend at least one session** to sing in worship services and the final concert. Sheet music and practice cd's are provided.*

## **RHCC Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**



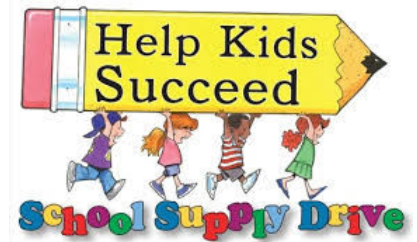
This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th at the Wethersfield Country Club. We are planning for up to (8) foursomes and tee times will start about noon. Details of cost and tournament format will be available about a month before the tournament. A sign-up sheet will 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!

### **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 (Think Scrip!) 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.



Want to get in shape and relieve stress? Join the Pilates Group with instructor Carolyn Phillips in air conditioned Chapin Hall every Wednesday at 6pm. Drop ins are welcome. For more info visit: [FitBehavior.com](http://FitBehavior.com) or call 860-869-4877.

**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:**

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 24

10:00am Worship

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 25

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 26

10:00am **Memorial Service**

11:00am **Memorial Reception**

6:00pm Cedar Hollow

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

Fiorilli

July 27

6:00pm Pilates w/Caroline

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

July 28

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

July 29

Friday



24	Janet Hansen
27	C J Mason
30	Mark Biglow
	Chris Palazzolo
	Jaclyn Elliot
	Sarah McGowan

A memorial service to honor the life of **Joseph Tokarski** will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 10am at Rocky Hill Congregational Church. All are welcome. Cards of sympathy may be sent to: Linda Tokarski & Family, 39 Buttonball Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033.



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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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