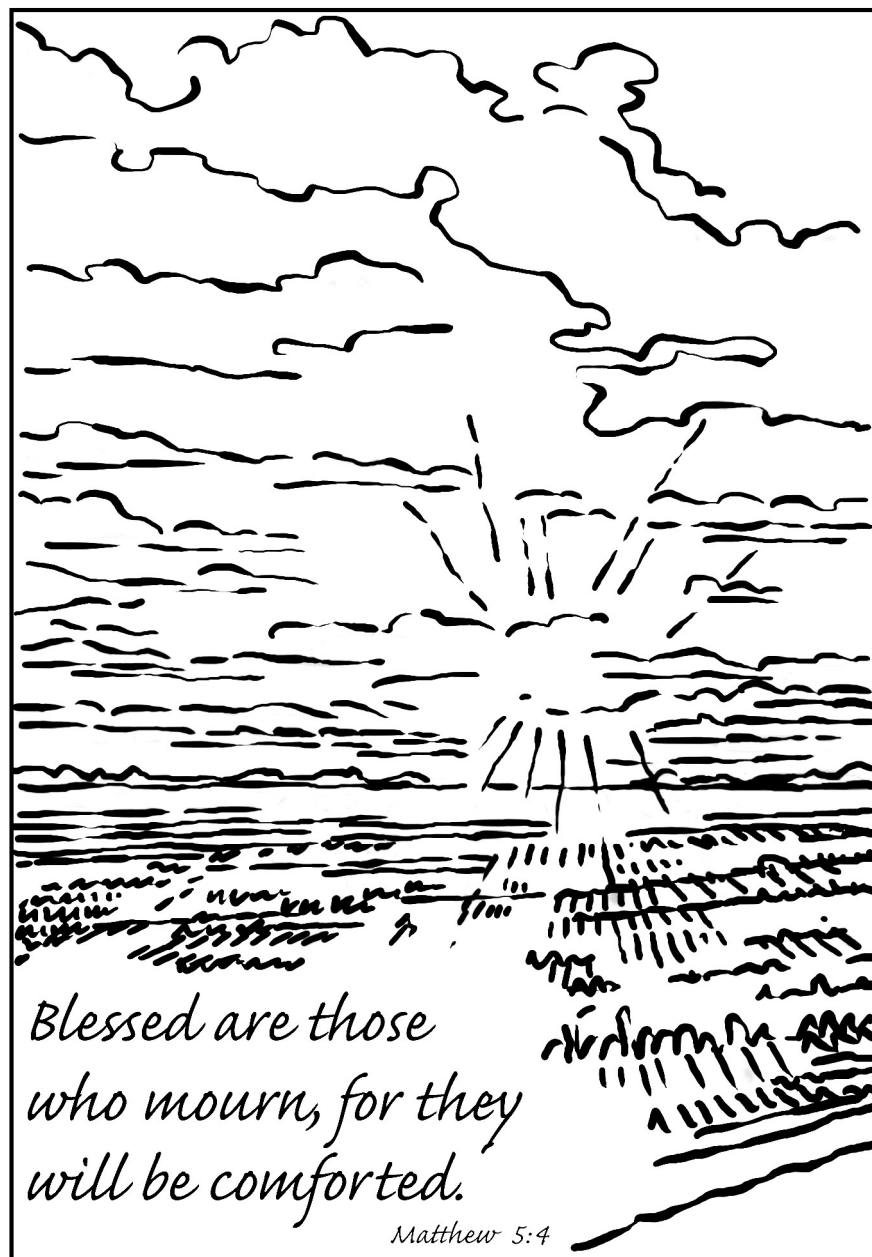


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



July 26, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*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.*

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 "Let All Things Now Living" arr. Cindy Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let our hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

Glory be to God in Whom we find new life.

Let us tell of God's wonderful works.

Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Surly the Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

With God, we can face all things.

***HYMN** "God Is My Shepard" printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

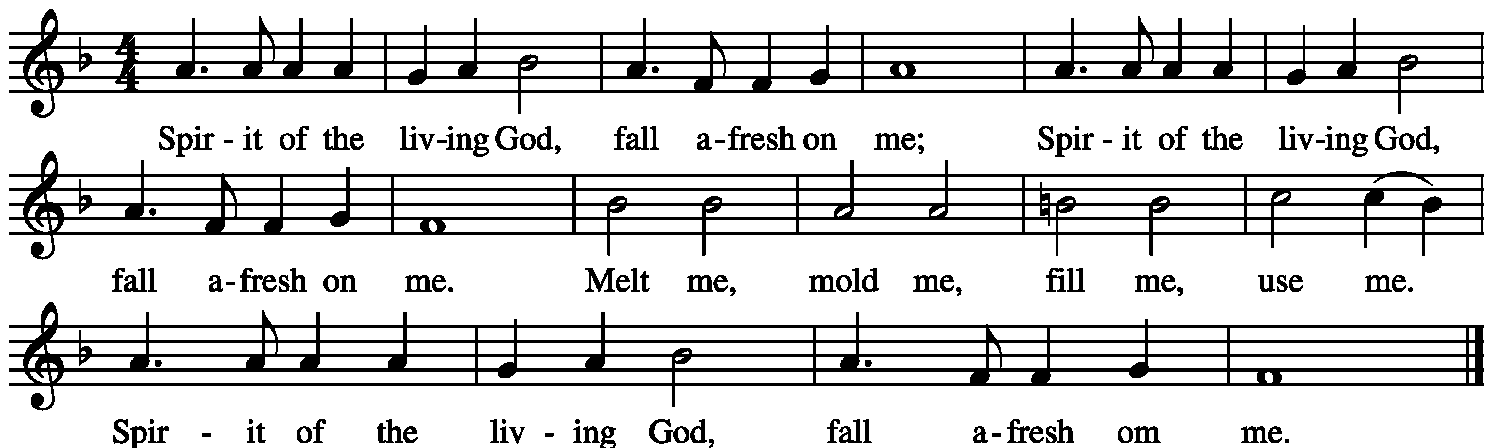
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*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant Your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways for the sake of all Your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust You and Your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, You are present with us through Jesus Christ 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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
The Vocal Quintet

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Song of Solomon 2:11-12; Matthew 5:4

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want .
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies :

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever

SERMON “Winter Is Over! – A Journey Through Grief” The Rev. Bob Woodward

***HYMN**

“Be Still My Soul”

printed in bulletin

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to the aisles to receive prayer request slips.

Invitation

Offertory Music

“Amazing Grace”
The Vocal Quintet

*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** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" printed in Bulletin

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Awesome God" Rich Mullins

LITURGIST	Bob Carberry
USHERS	Val and Rhody Triblets
HOSPITALITY	Arianna Baret Peralta and Allan Smith
THE VOCAL QUINTET	Marsha and Bill Hoffman, Melody, Gail and Dave Hall

We welcome our guest organist/pianist Janet Schneider
this morning and last week.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

S.P.I.R.I.T.

(*S*erve, *P*ray, *I*nvoke, *R*ecieve, *I*gnite, *T*ell)

Summer Church School programming for **Pre-K through 5th grade**
will be offered on the following Sundays, during worship
(children begin in worship):

Today ~ August 9 ~ August 23

Pastoral Coverage for Summer Weeks

From July 13 through September 6, 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 OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 1st – August 31st

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.



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.*

Today is the deadline for ordering cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table after morning worship, or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by the end of today. Cards ordered by today will be available for pickup next Sunday, August 2.

We still have most of the usual cards in inventory for immediate purchase this morning. Here is a partial list of cards that are 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
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 26

10:00am **Worship**

Sunday

Chapin Hall

July 27

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

July 28

6:00pm Community Event

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 25

Room 24

July 29

5:30pm Pilates w/ Carolyn

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

July 30

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

July 31

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday



July 27 Bud Griswold

C J Mason

30 Mark Biglow

Chris Palazzolo

Jaclyn Elliot

Sarah McGowan

31 Douglas Graham

August 1 Jeannette Doane



HONOR LOVED ONES

DEDICATE ALTER FLOWERS

Sign up on the flower calendar in **Chapin Hall**, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167).

There are openings for August 30th and September 6, 13, and 27th. If you have questions – please call

Kathy Moser 860-632-9763

or Kim Burghoff 860-563-3287.

WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons 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 or printed sermon.

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Office Hours

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Closed Monday and Friday

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

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Mitsey Baker office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

