

**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 28, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 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 downstairs in Room 4.

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Please include your full address, phone number and email 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.



# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Marge Murk

Leader: We come to experience the living God.

**People: As weary travelers, we come to rest.**

Leader: As empty jars, we come to be filled.

**People: As wounded warriors, we come to heal and be reassigned.**

Leader: As kindling, we come to be set ablaze.

**ALL: Whatever our hope, may God do holy work in us.**

## \*HYMN

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

NCH 18

*\*please rise in body or in spirit;*

*Bold denotes unison response*

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, you dwell in this holy place, eager to be with us.  
Lift us in this sacred hour above worries and wandering thoughts.  
Focus our minds and souls. Help us to see through the clutter of  
our lives the road you want us to take in this new week.  
Thank you for friends who encourage us and for rest spots along  
the way. May we know for certain that you walk with us for our  
good and your glory. In the spirit of your Son who taught 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

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has two phrases: "Re - mem - ber me," and "re - mem - ber me," with a melodic contour that rises and then falls. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has the phrase "O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me." with a long, sustained note on "me." The piano accompaniment continues with a similar harmonic structure, ending with a final chord.

## 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



We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that year. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:40-53 and Philippians 4:4-14

### SERMON

“Don't Quit! Keep Playing!”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

“God of Our Life”

NCH 366

## 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 so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

### Offertory

#### \*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

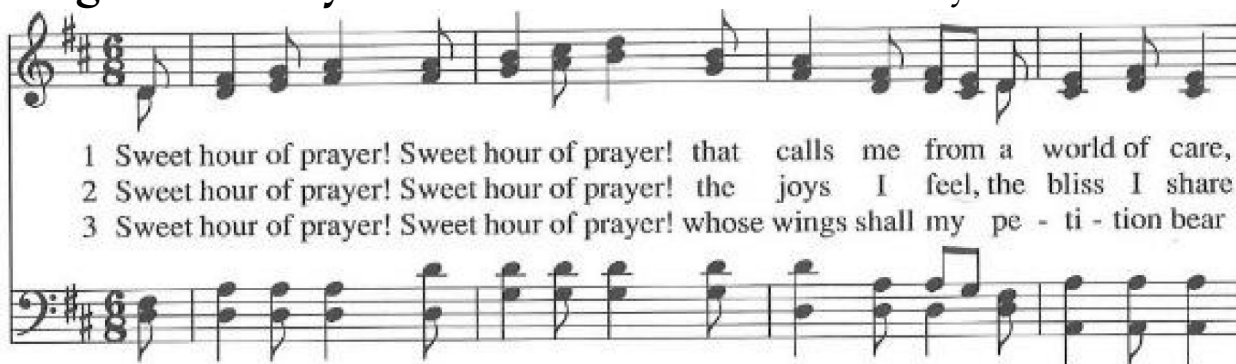
### Joys & Concerns



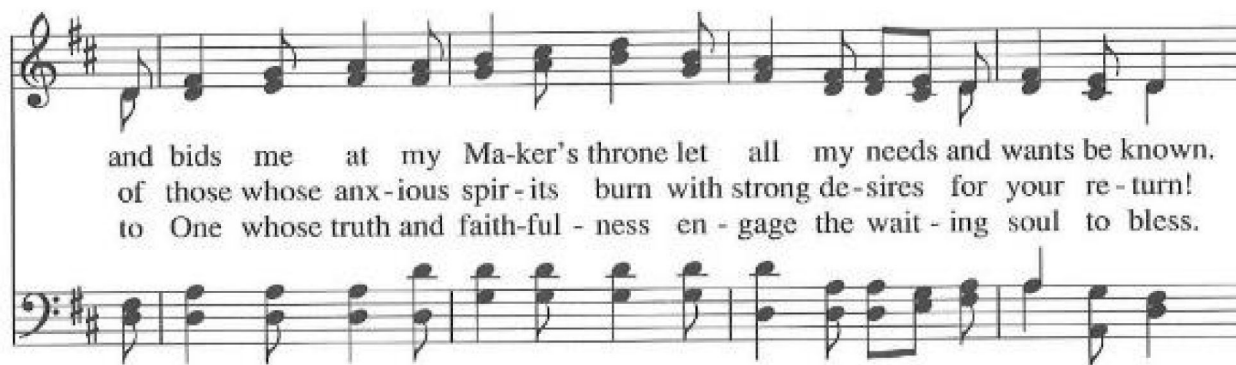
## Sung Call to Prayer

## “Sweet Hour of Prayer” verse 1

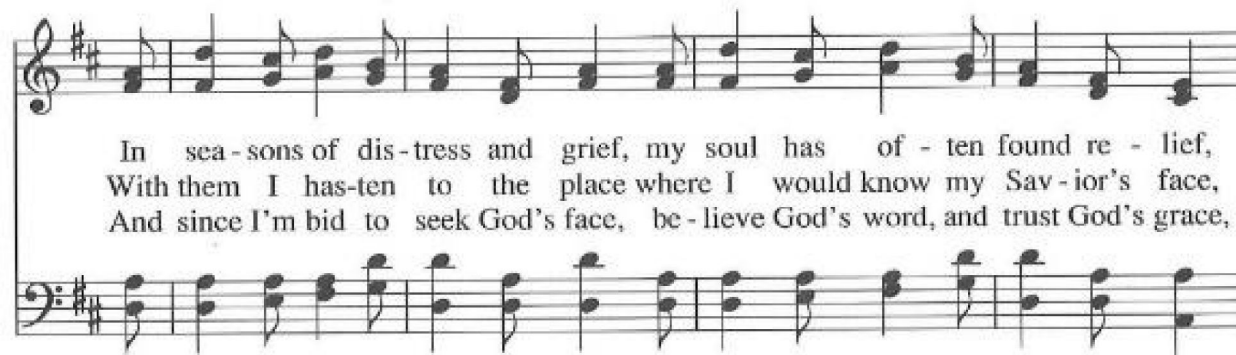
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!  
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,  
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

## Pastoral Prayer

HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

NCH 472

## BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

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GUEST MINISTER	Rev. Dr. John Afman
GUEST MUSIC LEADER	Gail Harris
LITURGIST	Marge Murk
USHERS	Wendy Ware and Steve Smith
HOSPITALITY	Jackie Little



*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship.*



Thanks to Rev. Dr. John Afman for leading worship today. He has been a settled pastor in upstate New York, Valley Forge, Pa., Kensington, Connecticut and Hartford, Connecticut, as well as serving as interim pastor in conference churches. A second career has been as a marriage and family therapist, including the teaching of counseling courses at CCSU. He and his wife, Sue, live in Cheshire.



**Flower committee** In the coming months, we have many Sundays available for memorial flowers or to mark a special occasion such as graduation, an anniversary, or special birthday. They need not be a formal flower arrangement but could be flowers from your garden, or a flowering plant. Sign up in Chapin hall.



Summer Church school will be held on the following Sundays:  
July 28, August 11, and August 25.





Greetings!

On behalf of Council I would like to thank all who made Craig and Anita's last Sunday a success including those who attended worship despite the significant heat, assisted in the preparation, hurried set up and clean up for the reception following worship and contributed to their gift. No thanks for the weathermen.

Here is an update for pastoral coverage for the remainder of the summer and the search process.

1. Pulpit supply has been arranged until Labor Day weekend as follows:

- a. Rev. John Afman, who preached on July 14th will lead worship on July 28th, August 11th and 25th.
- b. Rev. Terry Schmitt, a former member of our church in the 1990s will lead worship on August 4th
- c. Our own Georgette Huie will be in the pulpit on August 18th and September 1st.

2. Rev Afman has volunteered his services as able for pastoral emergencies so please contact the church office and Theresa will facilitate that communication as needed. We are also looking for additional back up coverage as well. Please also be sure to make yours or loved ones needs known to respective hospital chaplaincies as routine visitation is not necessarily the norm any more.

3. Council is forming an ad hoc committee in conjunction with Worship Ministry to find an interim pastor. We are considering several additional models to the "traditional" interim we have had in the past. A representative from the Connecticut Conference is assisting us in this process.

4. As we move ahead with the above we also will be reaching out to form a Pastoral Search Committee for a "settled pastor". If you would like to volunteer to be considered for this task please contact Hilaire Leavitt, Church Clerk, at [halx@rcn.com](mailto:halx@rcn.com) or 860 977 3197. Our hope is to form a manageable diverse group of parishioners for this process.

5. If you have any questions regarding any of the above please contact me at [psuuconn@cox.net](mailto:psuuconn@cox.net) or 860 463 4009 or Ruth Fitzgerald, Vice Moderator and [rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com](mailto:rfitzgerald@fhiplan.com) or 860 543 1520.

Marsha Hoffman, Moderator

## 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
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonafish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

**The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on August 25 (with delivery on September 1). E-cards may be ordered anytime. A complete listing of all retailers available through our program can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.**

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.

Think SCRIP!

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### July 28

10:00am Worship  
9:30am Childcare  
10:15am Church School  
11:15am Coffee Hour

### July 29

7:00pm Women's AA  
7:00pm Council

### July 30

4:00pm Facilities

### July 31

### August 1

7:30pm Men's AA

### August 2

OFFICE CLOSED  
Set up for Worship in Chapin Hall

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Room 4  
Room 26  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
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### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### Friday



30 Mark Biglow  
30 Chris Palazzolo  
30 Sarah McGowan  
31 Douglas Graham

Backpack Drive – now through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Drop off new school supplies on Sunday or during office hours! Thank you!



The Fair and Events Team is looking for volunteers to chair the Sew Country Booth and the Kids Corner Booth for our annual church fair on Oct. 19th. This is the largest fundraiser of the year, so please consider helping out! Volunteers are always welcome!

Please contact us with questions or for more info. Thank you.

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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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