

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**July 30, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Eighth 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Heneghan

Leader: Draw near to God's statutes,

People: **So that we may observe them to the end.**

Leader: Let us be led in the paths of God's commandments,

People: **So that we may delight in the richness of God's life.**

Leader: Worship God in honesty and forthrightness,

People: **So that Christ's Spirit may perfect us for God's realm!**

### \*HYMN

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

NC (black) 18

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, we seek you in our time.  
You made promises long ago.  
You offered your chosen ones blessings.  
You did wonderful things.  
We remember those old stories of promise.  
But, we often doubt your works now  
Amid the poverty, the violence and the racism of our time.  
We confess that we don't see with your eyes.  
We don't see the people that are hidden  
From television cameras and government budgets.  
Our God, we seek you in their eyes.  
Help us to see as you see, praying as Jesus taught us, 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 a four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for the first system are: "1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,". The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bass line begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics for the second system are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!".

# MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

## ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52      NT Pew Bible p14-15

**SERMON**      “God Starts Small”      Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN**      “Bring Many Names”      NC (black)11

## 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 Anthem

### \*Doxology



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



I 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

“We Are Often Tossed and Driven”

NC (black) 444

## BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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**GUEST ORGANIST**

Janet Schneider

**LITURGIST**

Steph Heneghan

**USHERS**

Bobbie and Dave Hawkins, Kim Burghoff

**HOSPITALITY**

Jackie Little

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of Mike Heneghan by Steph Heneghan*



WORSHIP

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

childcare in Room 4

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

Summer Church School, childcare in Room 4

(note: There will be no childcare on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>)

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.





## Adventures in the City: Freedom School

The students attending *Adventures in the City Freedom School* will be graduating on **Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** at the Milner School, 104 Vine Street, in Hartford. All are welcome to attend.

As you know, our church members and Board for Missions have contributed greatly (financially) over many years of support for this important program. If any member would like to attend, especially Missions board members, please contact:

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio at 860-257-8177.

CAC has provided vital summer programming for youth for more than 3 decades. Last summer CAC's Adventures in the City summer program was selected by the Children's Defense Fund to be a Freedom School site. For more information on Freedom School, visit:

<http://christianactivities.org/what-we-do/freedom-school/>



Looking for something you left behind?  
Check the Lost & Found Boxes in  
Chapin Hall and near the back entrance.

## Silver Lake's 60th Anniversary

**Please join us on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the 60th Anniversary Celebration!**

Tickets are \$15 per person with a family maximum of \$60. Commemorative 60th T-shirts are available to purchase at the time of registration for an additional \$10. A cookout lunch will be provided, as well as time to participate in traditional Silver Lake activities, explore on your own, take a group decade photo, and join in worship.

United Church of Christ - Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon, CT.

## 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!

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The Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle

Saturday, October 28, 5:30pm

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

**Church  
Directory**



Church Directories/Change of Address

Church Directories are available in the office after worship or during weekday office hours. Contact the office if you would like one mailed to you. Also, contact the office if you have any

**changes** to your contact information (address, phone or email) at:

860-529-4167 or [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). Thank you.



**THIS WEEK AT RHCC**

**July 30**

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
11:00am **Coffee Hour**

**July 31**

**Office Open 9am-2pm**  
9:00am **Organist Rehearsal**  
7:00pm **Women's AA**

**August 1**

**Office Open 9am-Noon**  
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

**August 2**

**Office Open 9am-Noon**  
6:00pm **Pilates**

**August 3**

**Office Open 9am-2pm**  
9:30am **Music Together**  
7:30pm **Men's AA**

**August 4**

**Office Open 9am-Noon**

**Sunday**

Chapin Hall  
Room 4  
Chapin Hall

**Monday**

Sanctuary  
Chapin Hall

**Tuesday**

Room 25

**Wednesday**

Chapin Hall

**Thursday**

Room 22  
Chapin Hall

**Friday**



30	Mark Biglow
30	Chris Palazzolo
30	Jaclyn Elliot
30	Sarah McGowan



Theresa will be out of the office on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and  
 Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Rev. Craig's office hours are: Tuesday – Friday: 9am-Noon;  
 with afternoon hours depending on pastoral visits.  
[office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) 860-529-4167

# 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

**Today** is the deadline to order gift cards that are not stocked in inventory. A comprehensive listing of all available retailers can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall. Cards ordered by today will be available for pickup on August 6. The next ordering deadline will be in four weeks, on August 27.

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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Church Website: [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org)

Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

## 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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing [ccowing@rhccucc.org](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie [ghuie@rhccucc.org](mailto:ghuie@rhccucc.org)

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