

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**August 2, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Tenth 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born,
and by God's grace we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggle for justice has been unsleeping even in nighttimes of loneliness.

We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts,
to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope in Jesus' name and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me"

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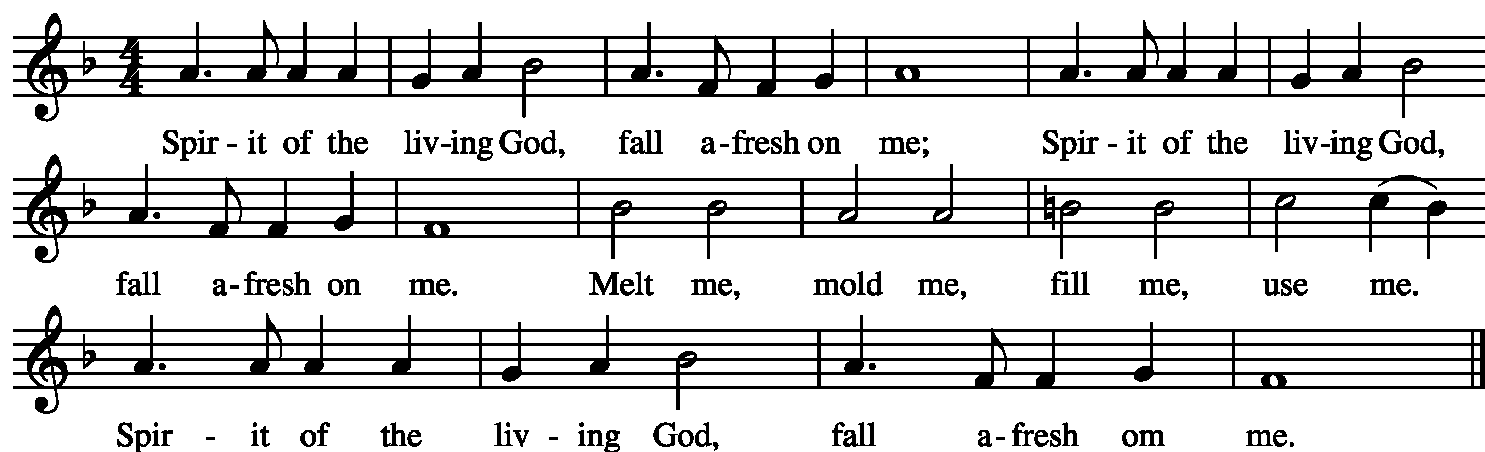
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

****Bold type denotes collective response.***

*GATHERING PRAYER

God of life, Who bears changes within our souls like the flowing of the tides, we ask Your great and gracious presence with us. We, Your children call upon You and ask that You hear us. We, who have known hurt and healing, the agony of losses and the sheer pleasure of reunion and celebration, ask You to celebrate with us now. Help us to feel the steady rhythm of Your presence from deep within us. Help us sense the moving of Your Spirit all around us. We need You, O God, for we know how different life can be when Your Spirit fills us with Your powerful love. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

“Who Is Our Neighbor?” The Rev. Bob Woodward
“A Surprising and Challenging Portrait!”

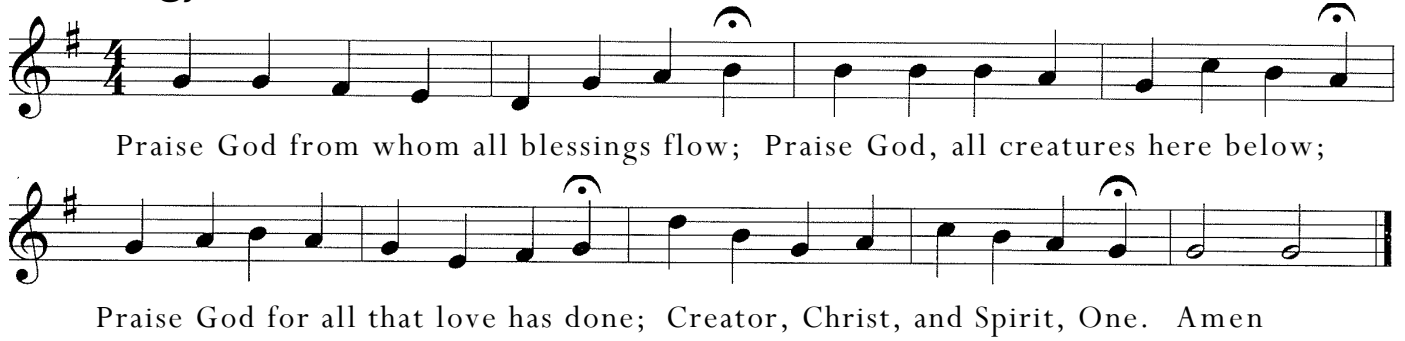
OFFERING OF GIFTS

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

Invitation

Offertory Music

*Doxology



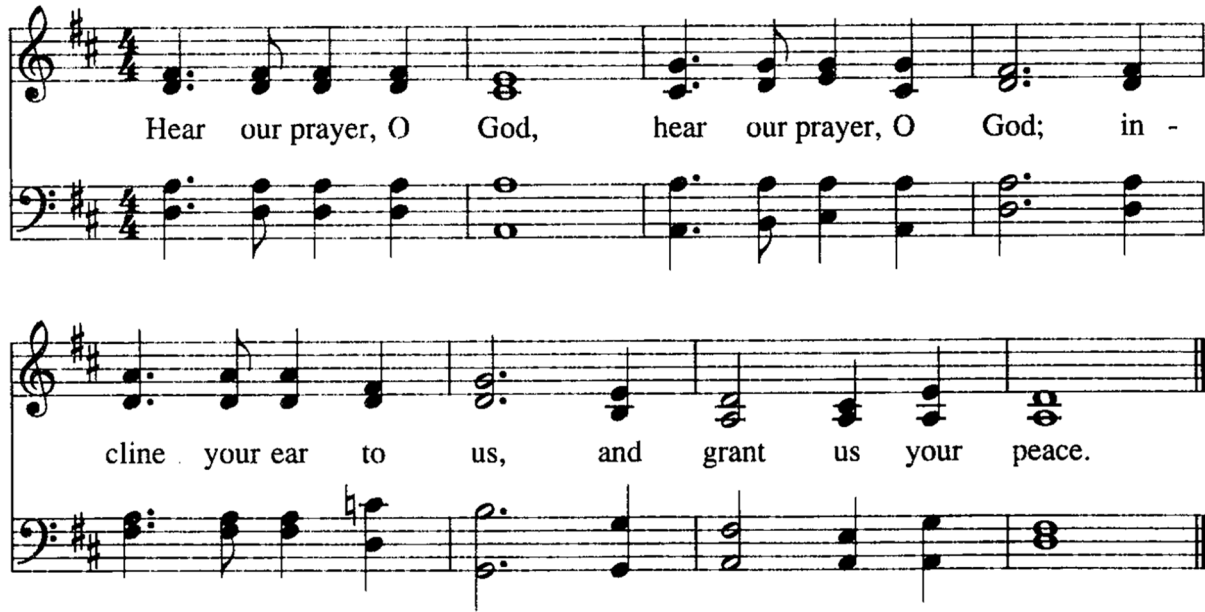
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

printed in bulletin

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion – all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to participate in the community of God’s people are welcome to receive Communion, including children, and regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation.

This morning we will receive Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup, which holds unfermented grape juice). Please come forward using one of the two center aisles, and return to your seats using the outside aisles. Gluten-free bread and juice are also offered. Any wishing to receive Communion who are unable to come forward may raise their hands to identify themselves to a deacon and will be served in their seats.

Invitation

For the bread and cup and blessing,
for the friends around this table,
for the peace and for the healing,
we celebrate You, Jesus Christ.

**For the faithful of all ages,
for the hope that we remember,
when Your love breaks through our darkness,
when the broken come to wholeness,
for each sign of resurrection
we celebrate You, Jesus Christ!**

Prayer of Preparation and The Lord’s Prayer

... and with Christ Jesus Who is risen, and living, and with us always, and in Whose Name we 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.**

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give You thanks Eternal God, for the gifts of life and love we have received in Your presence. For out of many, You make us one; and out of our brokenness, You bring us to wholeness. Go with us now, that we may be Your people in the world, and that in loving and serving others, we may love and serve You in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Practice of Peace

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

*HYMN

“O For a World”

printed in Bulletin

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Gail Tine

COMMUNION SERVERS

Gail Tine, Bob Carberry, Doug Robbins, Val Triblets

USHERS

Bill and Marsha Hoffman, Deb Copes and Steve Smith

HOSPITALITY

Wendy Cowan and Jackie Little

The flowers are given in honor of Mother, Grandma and Auntie.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

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

(Serve, Pray, Invide, Receive, Ignite, Tell)

Summer Church School programming

for **Pre-K through 5th grade**

will be offered on the following Sundays, during worship

(children begin in worship):

August 9 ~ August 23

Pastoral Coverage for Summer Weeks

From July 13 through September 6, while RHCC does not have a pastor on staff, 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 is 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.

The next ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory is August 30.

Until then 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
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 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

August 2

10:00am **Worship**
Communion

Sunday

Chapin Hall

August 3

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

August 4

5:30pm Pilates w/ Carolyn

Tuesday

Chapin Hall

August 6

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

August 7

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday



August Birthdays

- August 2 Lynn Lataille
Kathy Mosure
3 Jennifer Kelley
6 Ed Bacon
Samantha Behlman
7 Linda Tokarski
Noah Dion
8 Betty Mooney
Galen Deming



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

ROCKY HILL FOOD BANK

Food insecurity does not take a vacation in the summer months. The number of families

dependent on the Rocky Hill Food Pantry is growing. Clients may receive 1 bag (single person) every 21 days. The current need is protein items (tuna, canned chicken, Spam, canned ham, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, Vienna Sausage, hash, stew). Additionally, coffee, tea, crackers, and breakfast items are in short supply. Laundry detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels and shampoos are always needed.



**SEPTEMBER CHURCH MOUSE
DEADLINE
MONDAY AUGUST 17**

**NEWSLETTER MAILING
TUESDAY AUGUST 25**

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 to 12:00

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 Woodward

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