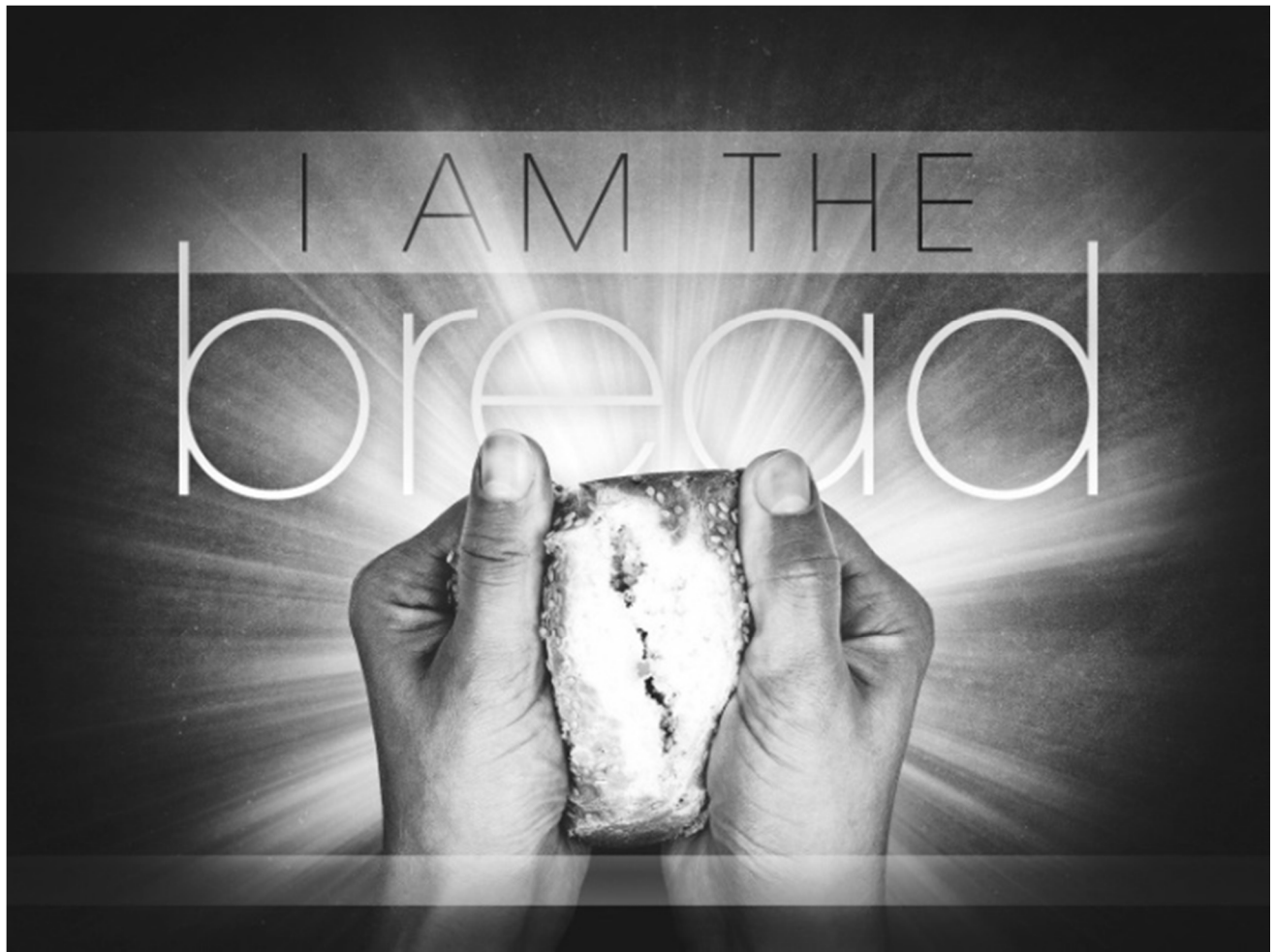


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**August 9, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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*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.*

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## 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**                      "It Is Well With My Soul"                      arr. Martha Mier

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, the living bread,  
    **who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.**  
Come to Christ, who gives living water,  
    **that we may never thirst again.**  
Come to Christ, that being filled ourselves,  
    **we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.**  
Come to God in worship and praise,  
    **through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.**

**\*HYMN**                      "Morning Has Broken"                      printed in bulletin

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

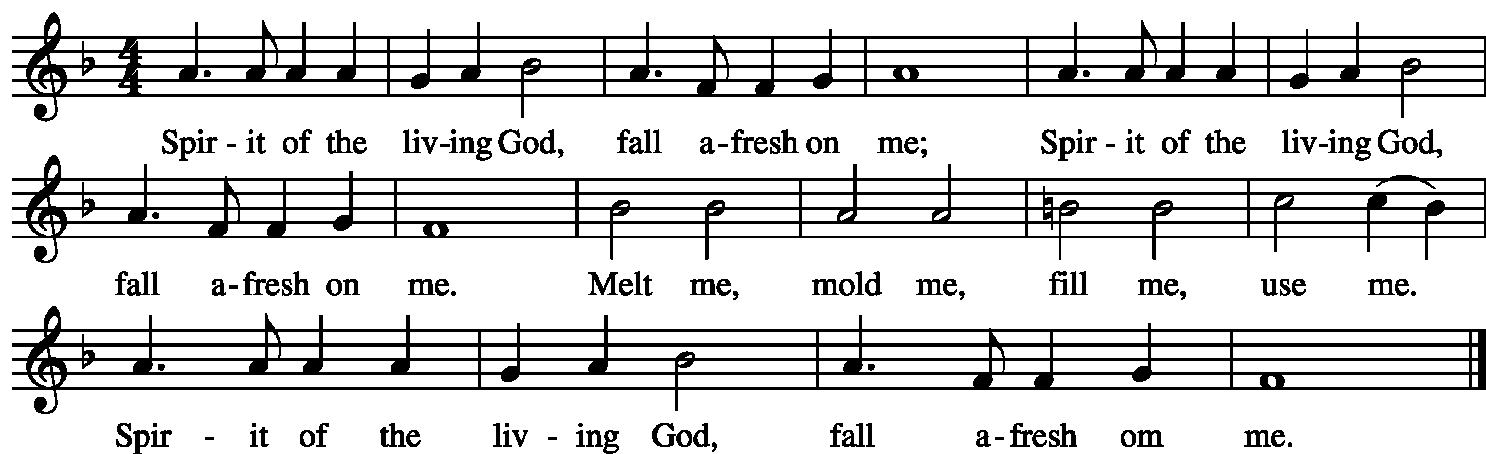
*\***Bold type denotes collective response.***

## \*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We give you thanks, God of abundant life, for bread and friendship and hope. With these gifts of your grace we are nourished. With these signs of your presence we are able to be faithful. Continue to nourish us, inspire us, and call us, that we might help make your reign more of a reality in our day. This we pray in the name and the spirit of the Risen Christ, as we also pray together:

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

### READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

John 6:35, 41-51

### SERMON

“Fresh Bread”

Lisa Eleck

### \*HYMN

“Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed”

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

Michael Bower

### Offertory Music "One Bread, One Body"

#### \*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 There Be Peace On Earth”

printed in Bulletin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Echoes of Praise”

Gerald Peterson

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**We welcome our guest organist/pianist Leanne Tan this morning.**

**LITURGIST**

Michael Bower

**USHERS**

Arianna Baret-Peralta, Allan Smith, Deb Copes and Steve Smith

**HOSPITALITY**

Lynn McKenna

**The flowers are given in memory of Grammie Graham, Mommy, Jacob and Ryan with all our love by Judy Graham and family.**

**The tower is lit this week in memory of Jennifer O'Connor  
by Julia O'Connor**

**SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL**

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

*(Serve, Prayer, Invoke, Receive, Ignite, Tell)*

Summer Church School programming for **Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
will be offered on the following Sundays, during worship

(children begin in worship):

**Today ~ and ~ August 23**



**SEPTEMBER CHURCH MOUSE  
DEADLINE  
MONDAY AUGUST 17**

**NEWSLETTER MAILING  
TUESDAY AUGUST 25**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

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.



**FAIR**

**COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

August 27 - 7:00pm

Fiorilli Room

**ANYONE**

**INTERESTED IN**

**THE FAIR,**

**PLEASE COME**

Hello  
my name is

**EVERYBODY  
AT CHURCH SHOULD  
WEAR A NAMETAG**

## 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 9

10:00am Worship

### August 10

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm Women's AA

### August 11

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### August 12

9:00am Breakfast Club

5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline

### August 13

7:30pm Men's AA

### August 14

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Sunday

Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

Room 24

### Wednesday

Bob's Café

Chapin Hall

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### Friday



## *Birthdays*

August 11	Julia Pickett
12	Deb Copes
13	Jean Holmes Steph Heneghan Kim Walker Gary King Taylor McLean
14	Jim Stevens Carol Baran Rhody Triblets
15	Tia Sheathelm

### **Rocky Hill Food Pantry**

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.

### **WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE**

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, [rhccucc.org](http://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](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org)

Office Manager: Mitsey Baker [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
**OF CHRIST**

