

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



August 10, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Ninth 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4. **S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming** is available today for Pre-K — 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, following the “Message for All Ages” in the Fiorilli Room.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

*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 pastors 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.*

## PRELUDE

“Glorify Thy Name”

Donna Adkins  
Arr. Fred Bock

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

We are witnesses,

**to the love God has poured into us.**

We are witnesses of God’s love,

**sharing it with each person we meet.**

We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

**little children like us, sisters and brothers in God’s family.**

## \*HYMN

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

printed in bulletin

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

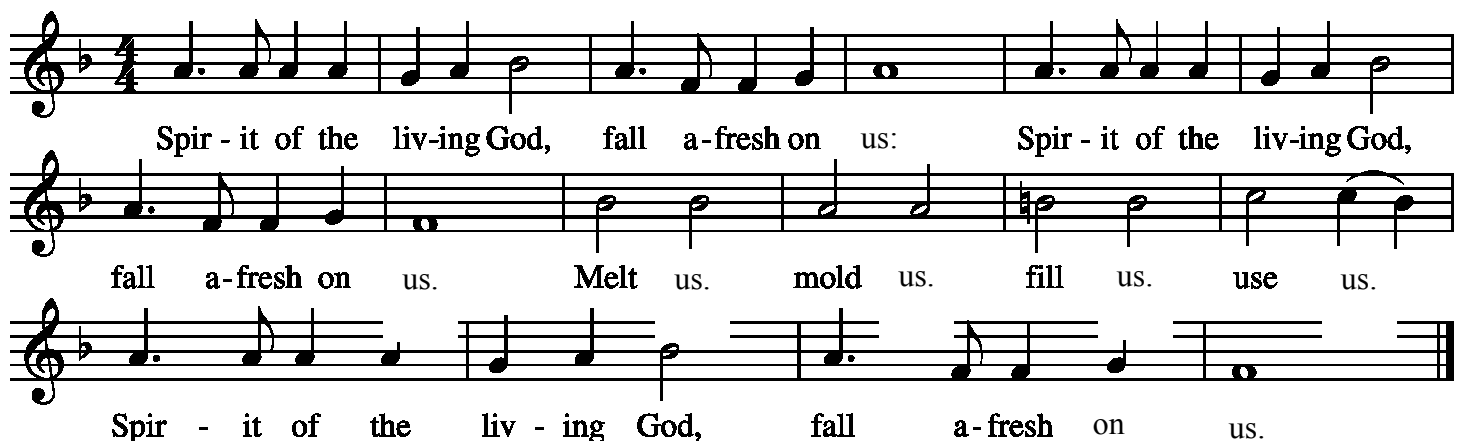
*\*Bold type denotes collective response.*

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

Compassionate God,  
when it seems that no one will listen,  
we find you at our side,  
leaning over to catch every  
faltering, stumbling, fearful word  
spilling forth from our hearts.  
When it seems that the world  
rushes past us, leaving us behind,  
we find you waiting just ahead of us,  
ready to light the way  
into the future you have prepared.  
When we worry about yesterday  
and all the tomorrows to come,  
you gather us up in your arms,  
gently rocking us in your hope.  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
continue to touch us with your peace  
even as we pray as we are taught, 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



Spir - it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on us: Spir - it of the liv-ing God,  
fall a-fresh on us. Melt us. mold us. fill us. use us.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us.

## 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

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: 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 yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

### ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal Hopson

Summer Choir

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love: my works are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be giv'n by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed.*

### READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 3:1-16

### SERMON

"Looking Up. Leaning In."

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

### COMMUNITY RESPONSE

### \*HYMN

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

printed in bulletin

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) will come to the center aisle to receive 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 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

John Ness Bock

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us, as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one.*

### \*Doxology



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



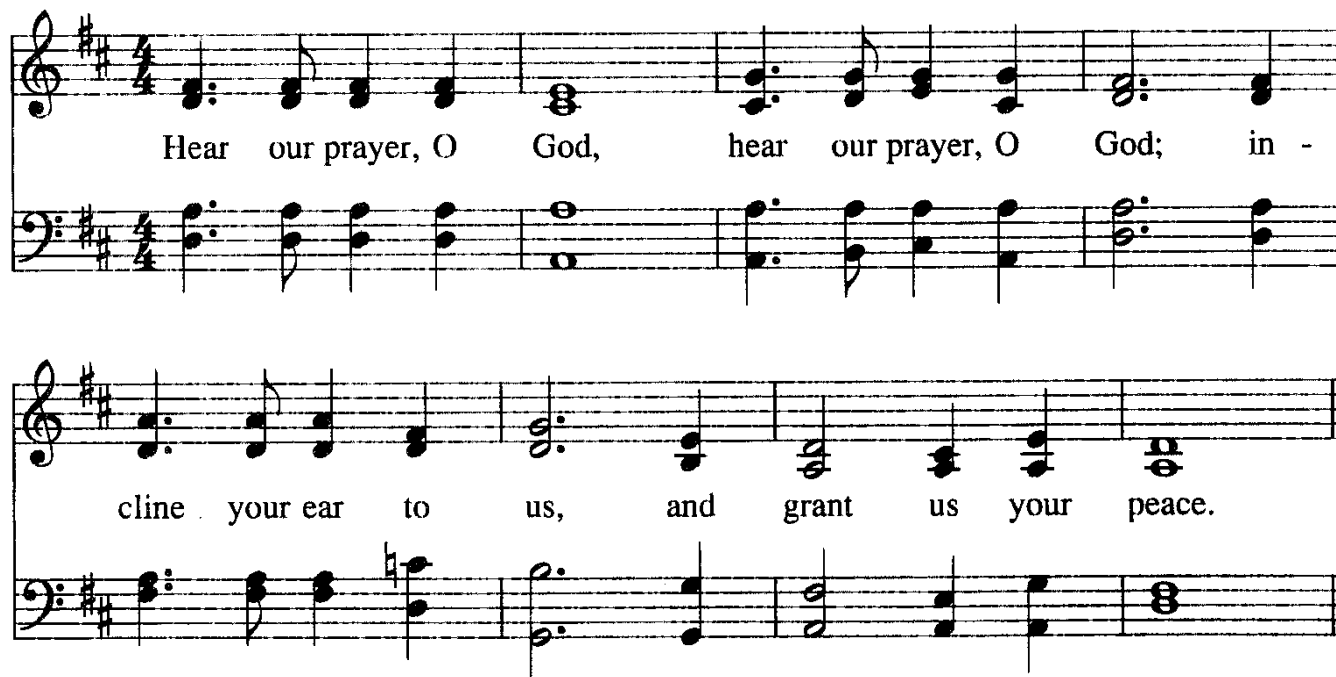
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 and Silent Prayer

**\*HYMN**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

printed in bulletin

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*(Please remain seated during the postlude.)*

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**LITURGIST**

**USHERS & GREETERS**

**HOSPITALITY**

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

Christine and Max Kainamura

Jeannie Alessi and Jean Goff

**The flowers are given  
in memory of Courtney Elizabeth Saehrig**

“After 16 yrs we still miss you and hold you in our hearts, our littlest angel in heaven.  
Courtney Elizabeth Saehrig. All our love, Mommy, Jake, Ryan, and Grammy Graham.”

## Small Group Gatherings:

**Today, August 10**

## **Pilgrim People. Pilgrim Churches**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Fiorilli Room

It has been said there are two types of people who show up in church on Sunday: Tourists and Pilgrims. Tourists are those who are spiritual but not religious; those who are shopping for a church home; those who tend to be spectators rather than participants; those who are observers but are not invested. Pilgrims are those who have committed their lives, even though they may not have all the answers; those whose faith is moving, growing, and maturing; those who engage in spiritual practices that foster growth. **Join us for a discussion group rooted in scripture that explores how we can be a pilgrim church of pilgrim people.** Discussion topics include: prayer, presence, service, generosity, spiritual growth, hospitality, discernment, art and beauty, justice, and diversity. No preparation necessary.



### **August 10 through August 24: Summer Sermon Series**

#### ***"Living Stones: Imagining the Future of the Church"***

*A series of sermons meant to engage us together in imagining how, and reflecting on why, the church might move forward – in a time very different from the past.*

#### **August 10                      Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Acts 3:1-16

"One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer...And a man lame from birth was being carried in...And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them, but Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.'"

*What would it mean to stop and look up as we dash to our "temples" (jobs, committee meetings, resume building activities, etc.) and offer the love of God, recognizing that God calls us to be in the world?*

#### **August 17                      Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

"'My house shall be called a house of prayer, for all peoples,' says God, who gathers the outcasts. 'I will gather yet others besides those already gathered.'"

*What would it mean to understand the church as primarily a "house of prayer," and God as a God who means to gather in the ones who aren't here yet?*

#### **August 24                      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 5:1-11

"Jesus said to Simon, 'Push out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' It was no sooner said than done – a huge haul of fish, so many it strained the nets."

*What would it mean to understand our core purpose as the church to be about depth, our main task as "going deeper"?*

## **S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner**

*Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell*

### **Join Us Today for S.P.I.R.I.T. Programming!**

**(Parents:** *Pick-Up your child in the Fiorilli Room)*

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer programming today focuses on “Favorite Bible Stories”. S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer programming, for children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be offered again on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **LESSON → Favorite Bible Stories: The Two Houses**

**Scripture:** Luke 6:46-49; Matthew 7:24-27

**Talk about** the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story: (1) Memorize this week’s Bible Verse, Luke 10:27; (2) Jesus teaches us through parables. Share your favorite family story. Talk about what values you heard in the story, and how they are important to the foundation of your family.; (3) Write a story or parable that shares the values of your faith.

**Prayer for the week:** *Thank you, God, for the stories Jesus told. Help us to learn from them just as the people did long ago. Help us to listen to you word and to learn from it. Amen.*

#### **NOAH’S TABLE – Peter’s Retreat**

We are headed to Peter’s Retreat on August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 PM – 4 PM, to serve ice cream sundaes and host bingo. Please bring a bingo prize for the residents. You must RSVP by Wednesday, August 20 with Meghan Young at [Meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:Meghan@rhccucc.org). Drivers and chaperones will be needed.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee or email them at [RHCCchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information.

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Volunteers Needed** – If you are interested in helping with any of our summer programming, please email Meghan at [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org). Two volunteers are needed for 8/24.

### **It’s Coming: Koinonia 2014!**

**“Jesus, the Storyteller”**

**An intergenerational Vacation Bible School for the whole church family!**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

*Dinner provided. Freewill donations accepted.*

**A Minimum of 10 families or 20 individuals must sign-up  
before Wednesday, August 13 for us to have Koinonia this year.**

This summer you are invited to renew and spark your faith as we join together for fun, food, fellowship, and faith formation. Come for four nights as we learn about “Jesus, the Storyteller”, and share and create our own stories. *Separate faith formation programming will be available for children, youth, and adults.*

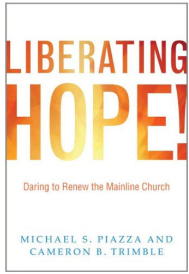
***Mark your calendars and sign-up in Chapin Hall or by emailing [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org).***



**Small Group Ministry at RHCC:**  
**Summer Faith Formation Opportunities**

*Join a small group to explore and enrich your faith in new ways!*

**ALL Church Summer Reading:**



**Liberating Hope.**

Join with your church family as we read together *Liberating Hope: Daring to Renew the Mainline Church*, written by Michael S. Piazza and Cameron B. Trimble. *Liberating Hope* provides concrete and tangible 21<sup>st</sup> century insight to those churches looking to renew their congregations through hope and optimism rooted in the resurrection.

Based on the successful work that Piazza and Trimble have done through The Center for Progressive Renewal, this book provides accurate and strategic evidence that the decline of the mainline, progressive church can be slowed and even reversed, despite the challenges it is facing. *Liberating Hope* is both thought provoking and an easy read, so don't forget to bring it with you on your summer vacation!

**Copies are available to check-out from the church office. Small discussion groups will be forming in late summer/early fall.**

**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 we continue to have a variety of cards in inventory from more than **35** different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase this morning, including (but not limited to):

**Coffee:** Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

**Fast food:** Burger King, Chipotle, McDonalds, Subway

**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, On the Border

**Shopping:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Marshall's, Staples, Target, Walmart

See Deb Copes at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

**THINK SCRIP!**

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### August 10

10:00am **Worship**  
10:00am **S.P.I.R.I.T.**  
3:00pm Tamil Sangam

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall, Rm 24,25



### August 11

7:00pm Nursery School Mtg  
7:00pm Women's AA

### Monday

Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall

### August 12

8:00am Breakfast Club

### Tuesday

Bob's Cafe

### August 13

9:30pm **Quilting**

### Wednesday

Room 6

### August 14

10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall

### August 15

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

### Friday

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aug 10 Kelly Moore  
11 Julia Pickett  
12 Deb Copes  
Kimberly Robbins  
Madeline Cardello  
13 Jean Holmes  
Steph Heneghan  
Kim Walker  
Gary King  
Taylor McLean  
14 Jim Stevens  
Carol Baran  
Rhody Triblets  
15 Tia Sheathelm  
16 Valerie Scribano  
Jacob Madsen

## **OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Office hours will be

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Closed Fridays**

### **STAFF VACATIONS**

**Brenda** will be away July 30 - August 13.

**Mary** will be away from August 11 - 24.

**QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**Available TODAY**  
**in Chapin Hall**  
**Tickets are \$2.00**  
**Book of 10 is \$20.00**



**Newsletter**  
**DEADLINE**

**FRIDAY**  
**AUGUST 15**

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**Office Hours**

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

Friday closed

**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

Interim Senior Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka [brenda@rhccucc.org](mailto:brenda@rhccucc.org)

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