

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**August 11, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Ninth 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

Stephanie Heneghan

Leader: In this sacred hour, in this holy place, we hope

**People: that the places where we hurt will be healed,**

Leader: the vision we have lost will be seen again,

**People: and the challenge we have avoided will be eagerly  
accepted.**

**ALL: Do your work in us, O God, for our good and your glory.**

## \*HYMN

“Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing”

NCH 303

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

***Bold denotes unison response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, we need not summon you into our midst, for we know you are here. We need not call you into our souls, for you are already there. Instead we ask that our eyes will be opened to see how you work, our ears unstopped to hear you speak, our minds sensitized to your truths, and our hearts brave enough to obey your call. May your Son help us to this response, so that this holy time will not be wasted. We pray the prayer he taught us:

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 with a key signature of one flat. It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The bass line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note G2. The lyrics "Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me," are written below the vocal line.

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## 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 treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. 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."

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 2 and Luke 6:20-25

### SERMON

“The Power of Laughter”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

NCH 4

## 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

NCH505

**Pastoral Prayer**

**HYMN**

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

NCH 329

# BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

**GUEST MINISTER**

Rev. Dr. John Afman

**LITURGIST**

Stephanie Heneghan

**USHERS**

Sue Chatfield and Jarod Taylor

**HOSPITALITY**

Nancy Harlow



### HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTO YET???

We are overhauling our church directory into a photo directory. Please—today—email a photo to the church office. Photos can be casual or formal. If you are a couple, please send a photo of yourselves as a couple (whether or not you have the same last name). If you are a family with kids at home, please send a family photo. Pick your favorite and email it to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). If you don't have a digital photo, drop off a printed photo to the office.



The church office will be closed August 19-23.



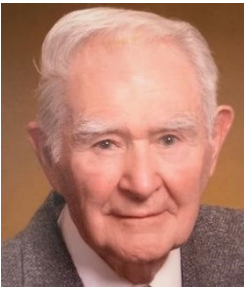
Any church members who are available to usher at the memorial service for Don Watson on Tuesday, 8/13, can contact Steve and Wendy Ware, or a member of the worship committee. Thank you.

**Food Bank Urgent Needs!!**

Mayo, 100% Juice, Maple Syrup, Crackers, Cake and Brownie Mix

Laundry detergent, Paper towels, Toilet paper

(Full size, healthy food, non-expired)



Donald Gates Watson, 97, of Rocky Hill, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 69 years, Anita Jean (Adsit) Watson, also by his brother Elmer Ellsworth Watson Jr. and Margaret (Jergens) Watson. He leaves behind two daughters, Nancy and Sara Watson of Rocky Hill, and his nieces and nephews.

Don was born in New London, CT, the son of the late Elmer and Mable (Dotzauer) Watson. He graduated from Chapman Technical High School in 1940 with strong woodworking skills. He went on to apprentice for a cabinet maker, creating beautiful Hepplewhite Dining room furniture, and then joined the Austin Pipe Organ Company where he built piano cabinets.

When World War II broke out, Don joined the Army in 1943. He became a Sergeant in the 271st Battalion Combat Engineers, 71st Division under the command of General George Patton. His unit traveled the farthest East of all the allied forces into Steyr, Germany and liberated two concentration camps along the way.

When returning home he began his career as an agent & financial planner for CIGNA. During his tenure he earned a membership into the Million Dollar Round Table and Hartford Underwriters Association. His interest in business led him to become the President of the Businessmen's Association and one of the founders of the Rocky Hill Chamber of Commerce where he became President & served on the Board of Directors. He also became the Rocky Hill representative to the Governors of the Greater Hartford Affiliated Chambers of Commerce.

In 1960 Don became very involved in the community of Rocky Hill. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Finance, worked on the Town Charter Revision Commission for 5 years, and was a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. He was elected as one of the last Town Selectman in 2015, at the age 93. For 45 years Don was a member of the Republican Town Committee, serving on the nominating committee and becoming Vice Chairman & Chairman. In 1988 he was named Republican of the year.

For 15 years Don was Rocky Hill's representative to the Connecticut River Assembly. He developed the Great Meadows Conservation Trust where he served for over two decades in various positions. He continued his support, working to protect the Connecticut River & the Great Meadows wetlands. Don was recognized for all of his service to the town of Rocky Hill & the nation when October 17, 2005 was declared Don Watson Day!

Don & Anita shared a love of the sea. Together they enjoyed boating, fishing and sailing. He owned several boats, while also sailing on many others. They made several trips up the East Coast from Florida to Connecticut. Don joined the Hartford Power Squadron in 1949 and became a lifelong member. He taught boating safety and navigation, and over the years he held several executive positions. He was a Lieutenant Commander and an Advanced Pilot, holding 38 merit marks for leadership. Don also enjoyed the sport of Skeet Shooting and was an active member of the Rockville Fish & Game Club, becoming Chairman of Trap & Skeet.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 am in the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main St. in Rocky Hill, CT. A luncheon will follow at the church in Chapin Hall. His burial will be in Center Cemetery, Rocky Hill at 1:30 pm.



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: Bonefish 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

### August 11

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

### August 12

7:00pm Women's AA

### August 13

11:00am Watson Funeral  
Noon Reception

### August 14

4:00pm LSP  
6:00pm Outside Group  
6:00pm Search Committee

### August 15

7:30pm Men's AA

### August 16

**Newsletter Deadline**

OFFICE CLOSED

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Room 4  
Room 26  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### Tuesday

Sanctuary  
Chapin Hall

### Wednesday

Fiorilli  
Chapin Hall  
Rm24

### Thursday

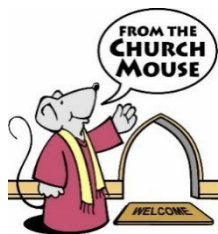
Chapin Hall

### Friday



11	Julia Pickett
12	Deb Copes
13	Steph Heneghan
13	Gary King
13	Taylor McLean
13	Kim Walker
14	Carol Baran
14	Rhody Triblets
15	Tia Sheathelm
17	Joyce Toft
17	Denise Carberry
17	Molly Morgan

Send in your family photo  
for our new Photo  
Directory!  
Send digital pics to  
[office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)



RHCC Newsletter

Submission deadline for the September issue of The Church Mouse is **Friday, August 16**. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org).

The mailing date will be Tuesday, August 27.