

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



Jesus and Peter on the water by Alexandre Bida

August 13th, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

*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.*

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.*

PRELUDE

“Canticle of Zachary”

Jared Maynard, guitar and Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marge Murk

Leader: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

All: We need this kind of hope.

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our God, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples,
meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.**

**God of renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water,
lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus,
from death to life.**

**God of the journey, direct us in your way,
work out your purpose in and through our lives.**

We pray in the name of Christ , who taught us to pray, 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

"I Need You Every Hour" v.1

NCH 517

I need you ev-ery hour, O God of grace;

The peace your voice af-fords, I now em-brace.

Refrain

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

DUET

"Song of Mary"

Jared Maynard, guitar and Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

NT Pew Bible p16

SERMON

“Don’t Be Afraid”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Dear God, Embracing Humankind”

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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 Duet

“One Bread, One Body”

Jared Maynard, guitar and Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

*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

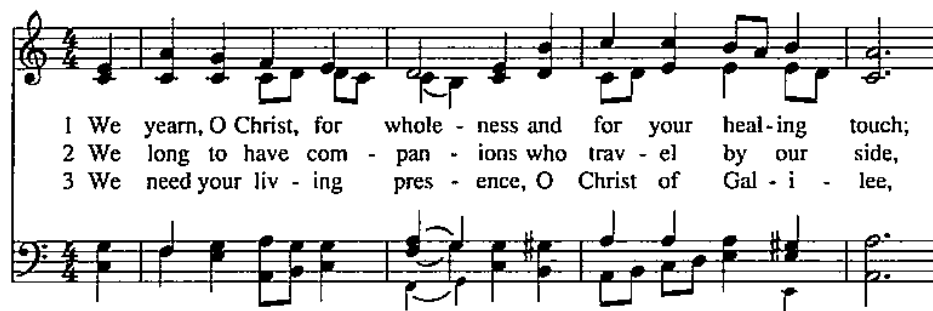
*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness” (verse 1)

NCH 179



1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

We yearn, O Christ, for
whole-ness and
for your healing touch;



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

Too long have we felt help-less;
our burdens seemed too much.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

Forgetting all pretenses
we make our pleadings heard,



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

In hope and expectation
await your gracious Word.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Guide My Feet”

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BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Leon Boellmann

LITURGIST
USHERS
HOSPITALITY

Marge Murk
Michael and Victoria Bower, and Bob Inderbitzen
Jean and Jeannie

*Today's altar flowers are donated in loving memory of
John and Marian Gray by
Sue Monaghan*



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*10am Worship Service with Music Every Sunday
Childcare provided during the service in Room 4
Summer Church School held every other Sunday
Coffee and Fellowship held after Worship in Chapin Hall
All are welcome here!*

Today, August 13	No Church School, no childcare
Sunday, August 20	Summer Church School
Sunday, August 27	No Church School
Sunday, September 3	Communion Sunday, Summer Church School
Sunday, September 10	Rally Day/Re-Covenanting Sunday, Worship with Full Choir in the Sanctuary, Church School Registration, New Member Orientation

Rally Day/Re-Covenanting Sunday September 10

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the church year! During the sermon time, the high school youth will be reporting back and reflecting on their Mission Trip to Louisiana. After service, parents may sign up their Pre-K to 8th grade children for the coming year's church school program!

And join us in Chapin Hall for a special lunch, sponsored by the Board for Faith Formation.



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.



New Member Orientation will be held after worship on Sunday, September 10th with Rev. Craig Cowing, at 11:15am in the Parlor. We will welcome new members into our church during worship on Sunday, September 17th. All are welcome here!

BACKPACK DRIVE!

This summer, we will once again support our Covenant to Care liaison, Allison, by providing backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Please do not provide used items unless they are new or "like-new" condition.



Collecting backpacks and supplies for:

- 17 yr old boy, a 13 yr old girl, two 10 yr. old boys, a 9 yr old girl, two 9 yr old boys, a 6 yr old girl and a four year old.
- Backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, #2pencils and folders.
- Erasers, pencil boxes, glue sticks, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, non-permanent markers, rulers, small tissue packets and crayons.

We will be collecting items through August 20th. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:



We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to office@rhccucc.org. Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about worship and events!

Reminder: There will be no Harmonic Healing with Tibetan Bowls during the month of August. It will resume in September on a new day of the week. More information to come.

The submission deadline for the SEPTEMBER issue of The Church Mouse will be **Monday, August 15** and the mailing date will be **Monday, August 29**. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org.

The Icon for August is

Christ enthroned as the Ancient of Days.

The original was painted at the Monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai, and dates from around 600-700.

This icon depicts Christ enthroned as the Ancient of Days, the mystical heavenly figure of the Book of Daniel. It is an early representation of Christ with the four beasts representing the four Evangelists. The Greek inscription is a prayer of dedication from the donor of the icon.



Happy (Belated) Birthday to Rev. Craig L. Cowing!
August 11th



QUILT RAFFLE – Tickets available in September

Everyone thought the Rocky Hill Quilters had retired - well, we are back with a quilt for 2017! Thanks to a generous donation by Stephanie Heneghan, we have vintage quilt blocks that will be the focal point of the quilt. These blocks were completed by her Grandmother, Brownie.



For this year's Quilt Raffle, tickets will be available for sale in early September.

The drawing will be held at the Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday October 28, 2017.

For more info, contact Kim Batterson Biglow, Stephanie Heneghan or Gail Tine.

RHCC FOOD PANTRY BASKET

Clean out your pantry! Or buy 1 extra item while shopping. Our member volunteers make weekly deliveries to the Rocky Hill Human Services Food Pantry. Items accepted:

- Non perishable food (canned goods, cereals, rice)
- Personal Hygiene products (toothpaste, soap, feminine products, shampoo, toilet paper) Hotel sizes accepted.
- Home cleaning (laundry, paper towels)
- *All donations are gratefully accepted!*



THIS WEEK AT RHCC

August 13

10:00am Worship

11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday

Sanctuary

Chapin Hall

August 14

Rev. Craig Vacation this week

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

August 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

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August 16

6:00pm Pilates

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

August 17

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

August 18

Friday



11	Craig Cowing
13	Steph Heneghan
13	Kim Walker
13	Gary King
13	Taylor McLean
14	Jim Stevens
14	Carol Baran
14	Rhody Triblets
15	Tia Sheathelm
17	Joyce Toft
17	Denise Carberry
17	Molly Morgan

Staff Vacations:

Rev. Craig will be on vacation from August 14-27.

Rev. Dick Allen from South Congregational in South Glastonbury will cover pastoral concerns during this time. Rev. Pat Felletter will lead worship on Aug 20 and 27.

Please call the office with any urgent pastoral needs: 860-529-4167, or email: office@rhccucc.org

*Happy Anniversary to Michael Bower and Bob Inderbitzen!
They are celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary August 16, 2017*



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

The next ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory is August 27. Cards ordered by that date will be available for pickup on Sunday, September 3.

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!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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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

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