

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



August 16, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twelfth 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

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy continue,

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

The Lord is all we have; in God let us put our hope.

The Lord is good to everyone who trusts.

Let us examine our ways and turn to the Lord.

**Let us open our hearts to God Who welcomes us
with overflowing grace and love.**

***HYMN**

"Sing Them Over Again To Me"
(Wonderful Words of Life)

printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

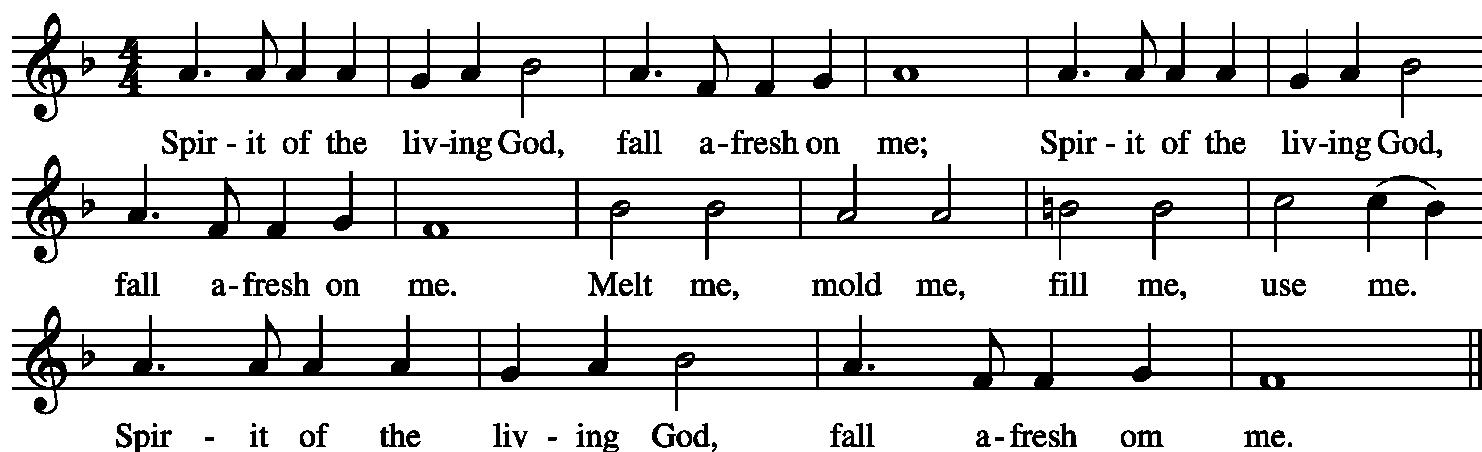
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*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, this is the day You have made and we rejoice in it. Surely You are in this place, for in our coming and going we have seen Your glory, we have heard Your Word, we have sensed Your presence. Grant us again Your glory which is eternal, Your Word which is redemptive, Your presence which is abiding, through Jesus Christ, Who taught us to 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.

*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 on me.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 6:14 -15
Colossians 3:12-17
1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

SERMON

“Giving Forgiveness and Thanks”

The Rev. Bob Woodward

*HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”

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

*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

Musical notation for the first part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff has a bass line of quarter notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -" are written below the treble staff.

Musical notation for the second part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff has a melody of quarter notes: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff has a bass line of quarter notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics "cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." are written below the treble staff.

Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

printed in bulletin

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

We welcome our guest organist/pianist Janet Schneider
this morning.

LITURGIST

Nancy Parsons

USHERS

Marge Murk and Liz, Toryn and Kaedryn Pulling

HOSPITALITY

Wendy Cowan and Jackie Little

The flowers are given in memory of Makka – Happy Birthday
by Deb Copes and Steve Smith.

The tower is lit this week in memory of Gladys and Ed Carberry
by Bob and Denise Carberry.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

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

(*Serve, Pray, Invite, 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 23**

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.

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.



WIDENING THE WELCOME

Are you interested in helping our churches to be more inclusive for those who have some kind of disability; whether it be physical, developmental, or emotional?

An exciting nationwide conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ dealing with "**Widening the Welcome**" will be held in Hartford,

Sept. 24-26. For more information and registration search for "Widening the Welcome" on your computer or call Jim Silver at 860 632-7279.



FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

August 27 - 7:00pm
Fiorilli Room

**ANYONE
INTERESTED IN
THE FAIR,
PLEASE COME**



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 Hilaire Leavitt 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 16

10:00am Worship

August 17

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

August 18

7:00pm Hearing Voices

August 19

9:00am Breakfast Club

5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline

August 20

7:30pm Men's AA

August 21

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday

Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Room 24

Wednesday


Bob's Café

Chapin Hall

Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday



August 17 Joyce Toft
Denise Carberry
Molly Morgan
19 William Bartley
20 Laura Pawlich

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.



**SEPTEMBER CHURCH MOUSE
DEADLINE
MONDAY AUGUST 17**

**NEWSLETTER MAILING
TUESDAY AUGUST 25**

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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

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Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
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