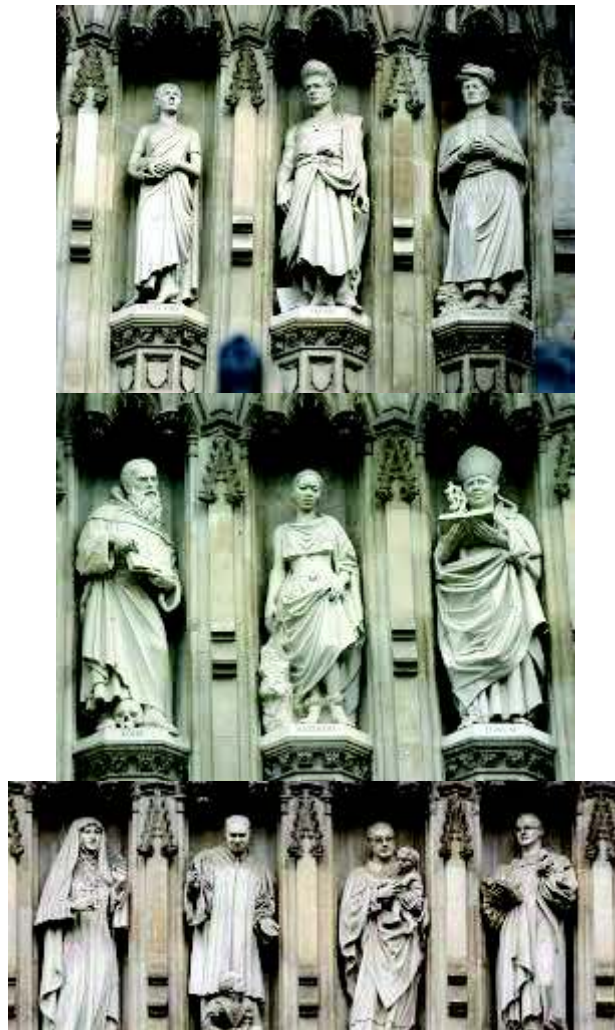


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**August 18, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: Good Morning!

Suzanne Thompson

All: Good Morning!

L: Welcome to Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, where we say:

All: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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.

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~

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzanne Thompson

One: Return, beloved of God, to the fold.
God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

**Many: God calls us by name and awaits our coming.
God summons us out of hiding.**

One: God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks.
God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

**Many: Surely God has provided richly for us.
Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.**

One: Worship the one who longs for our coming.
Sing praise to the one who desires our faithfulness.

**Many: We call on God, who gives us life.
May God's face shine on us to save us.**

*HYMN

“O Saints in Splendor Sing”

NCH 380 (the tune is 379)

**please rise in body or in spirit;*

Bold denotes unison response

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Zealous God, we confess, like your people Israel,
that we tire of being "the chosen."**

Could you not just leave us alone every once in a while?

Sometimes this "Christian stuff" gets a bit much.

Life goes on and we have lives to live.

Yet, unrelenting, you refuse to leave us alone.

You are, after all, a zealous God.

**You startle us from our reveries by gathering us into your dream
time, into your Church.**

**May we, thus gathered, be so inspired by your Spirit that our lives
never tire, that we have the energy now to wait, to rest, in the
goodness and beauty of your truth.**

Hear us now as we pray the words Jesus taught us, 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**

NC 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

RESPONSE

“Guide My Feet”

Liz Reed-Swale

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

SERMON

“The Twelfth Man”

Georgette Huie

***HYMN**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

NCH 295

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, faith-ful their whole lives
2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou - sands

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

Liz Reed-Swale

*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

HYMN

“God, Bless Your Church with Strength!
Presbyterian Hymnal 418 (sung to the tune of NCH 301)

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADER

Georgette Huie

GUEST PIANIST

Leanne Tan

LITURGIST

Suzanne Thompson

USHERS

Sue Chatfield and Jarod Taylor

HOSPITALITY

Jackie Little

*The Tower is lit this week in Loving Memory of **Paul Tine Sr.***

by Gail and Natalie Tine

PASTORAL COVERAGE AND SEARCH

Here is an update from Council on pastoral coverage and the search process.

Sunday, August 25 - Rev. John Afman, will lead worship.

Sunday, September 1 - Georgette Huie will lead worship.

Pastoral Emergencies: Contact the church office to be put in touch with the covering minister (Rev. Afman or Rev. Lisa Eleck). Please leave a message with your phone number, and someone will get back to you.

Council and Worship Ministry have formed an ad hoc committee to find an interim pastor, and a representative from the Connecticut Conference is assisting us in this process.

A Pastoral Search Committee is currently working on the search for a "settled pastor".

Questions? Contact:

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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 18

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

August 19

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK
7:00pm Women's AA

August 20

6pm Search Committee
7pm Cedar Hollow

August 21

6:30pm LSP Board

August 22

7:30pm Men's AA

August 23

6pm Search Committee

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Chapin Hall

Friday

Fiorilli



23	Emily McKenna
24	Thompson Hunt
25	Lee Shippy
26	Michael Bower
27	Persephone Blaise
29	Larry Gilbert

Send in your family photo
for our new Photo
Directory!
Send digital pics to
office@rhccucc.org



Submission deadline for the September issue of The Church Mouse is **Monday, August 19**. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org. The mailing date will be Tuesday, August 27.



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)

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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

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