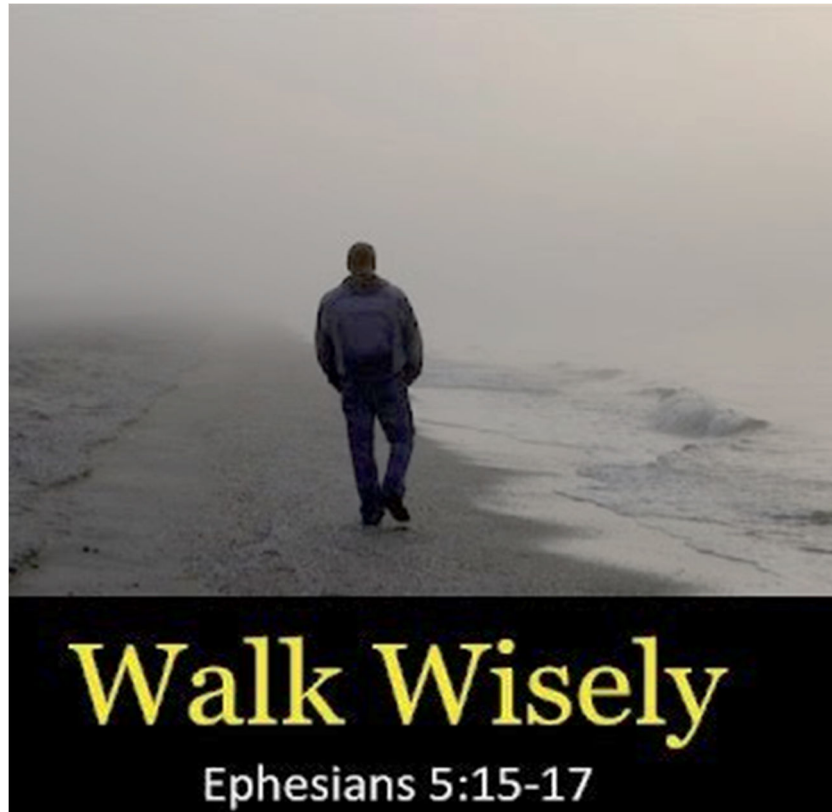


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



Walk Wisely

Ephesians 5:15-17

**August 19, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Thirteenth 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Heneghan

Leader: Come into this household of God
that we might all listen to God's Word
and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

All: How can we discover such wisdom?

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.
When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,
God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

**All: May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs!
We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music from our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread.
We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him.
Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

**All: Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.
Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!**

***Bold** type denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

All Wise God, we thank you
For giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts and deeds.
We confess that we fool ourselves into believing
that we possess all of the knowledge that we need.
Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day
according to your will and plan for us and for your world.
Help us to discern your wisdom
that we might live eternally with you and Christ,
in whose name we 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**

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You” v.1

NCH510

1 Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a -
2 Grant us faith - ful - ness in pray - ing, strength to
3 Grant us dil - i - gence in do - ing, pa - tience
4 Grant us cour - age to pro - claim you; Sav - ior

wak - ened to re - ceive you, minds a - lert to
keep our souls from stray - ing, sense to cease from
when your truth pur - su - ing, ea - ger to re -
of our lives we name you! May our ac - tions

thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.
dis - o - bey - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
ceive re - new - ing, God of mer - cy, hear us.
nev - er shame you; God of mer - cy, hear us.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

5:15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts. giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

“Redeeming the Time”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

NCH 286

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Cowing will come down 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

*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

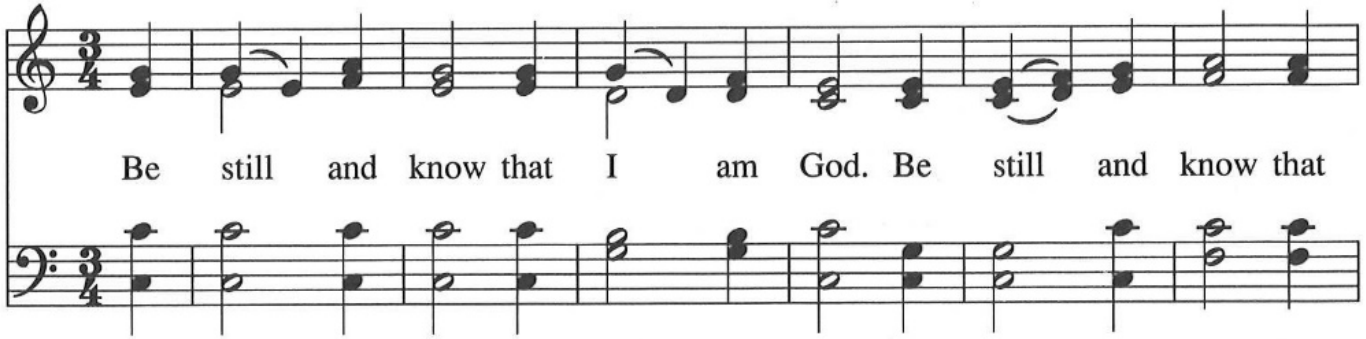
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

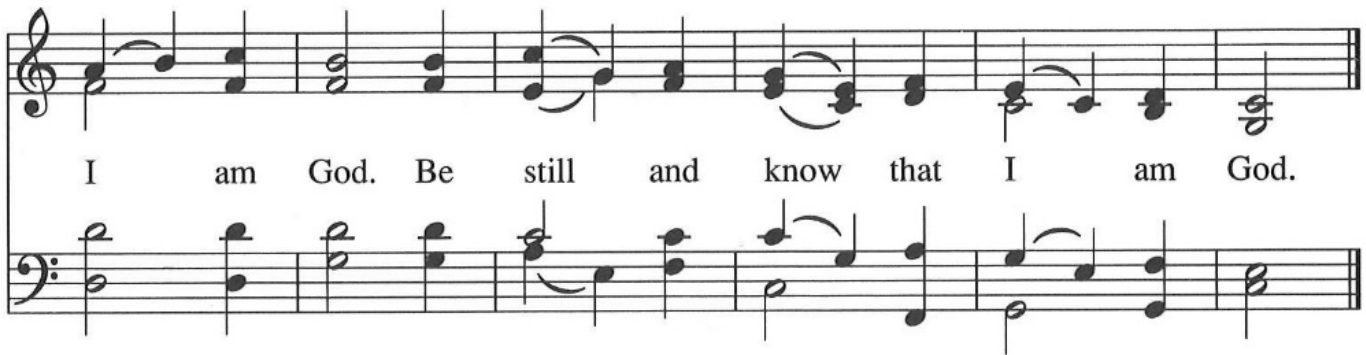
Sung Call to Prayer

“Be Still and Know that I am God”

(NCH743)



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that



I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NCH 419

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

GUEST ORGANIST

Janet Schneider

LITURGIST

Steph Heneghan

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Deb Copes and Steve Smith

HOSPITALITY

InReach



*The Tower is lit this week in loving memory of **Paul Tine Sr.***

By Gail & Natalie Tine

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship.

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.



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:

- Backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, #2 pencils 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 26th. Thank you!



"SEEDS NEED A GOOD SOIL"

Stewardship Seminar

Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. Presentation starts at 7:00 p.m.



As part of our vision to change how and when we think about Stewardship, the *Time, Talent and Treasure Ministry* is pleased to announce that we will host the "Seeds Need a Good Soil" seminar on Tuesday, September 11, in Chapin Hall. Charlie Kuchenbrod will be leading the seminar. Charlie is the Executive Associate to the Conference Minister and oversees the Conference's Finance and Development Team. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM with the presentation starting at 7 PM. All are Welcome!! Come with open minds and hearts and listen to how we can each build a legacy of Stewardship in ourselves, in our families and in our church. Please register with the church office: office@rhccucc.org (860-529-4167) or see Deb Copes.



RHCC Golf Tournament - Sunday, September 16

This year's Fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 16, at the Wethersfield Country Club. We are planning for (6) foursomes and tee times will start about 12:30 PM. A sign-up sheet will be available in Chapin Hall in September, or you can contact Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) to reserve your spot.

OUR WORSHIP CORE MINISTRY SEEKS COMMUNION SERVERS

The worship core ministry is looking for a few good people who have never served communion before to be included in the new serving schedule beginning this October.

Communion each month will be led by a current member of the worship core ministry or an experienced life deacon, so all you have to do is bring yourself to church at 9:30 instead of 10:00.

The lead server for that month will guide you through the process.

Would you prefer to have some training in advance? We will happily do that too, probably in September.

If you are interested please contact the church office or Christopher Sheehan at sheehanc@att.net or (860) 529-5151. We look forward to hearing from you!



VMT – VISITOR MINISTRY TEAM

Bring a smile and a prayer to a church member. One of the new ministry teams is being formed to visit church members in person, by mail or phone. If you would like to learn more or be included in with team, please contact Steph Heneghan, Wendy Ware or Don Pagnucco.



HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Dedicating flowers or lighting the tower is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Sign up on the calendar in Chapin Hall, email office@rhccucc.org or call the church office (860-529-4167)



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!

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 include paper goods, personal hygiene items, and non perishable food. Scrip Gift Cards can be donated, or you can use them to buy your donation items! *All donations are gratefully accepted!*



Monday, August 27 – 9:30 a.m. MONDAY MORNING MAILERS

Join us in air conditioned Fiorilli Room to prepare the September edition of our Church Mouse newsletter. Refreshments and fellowship provided!

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: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, 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, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

The next order for cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on August 26, with cards available for pickup on September 2.

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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

August 19

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

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 24
Chapin Hall



August 20

7:00pm **Bonsai Group**
7:00pm **Women's AA**

Monday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli Rm

20 Laura Pawlich
23 Emily McKenna
23 Galen Deming
24 Thompson Hunt
25 Lee Shippy

August 21

7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

Tuesday

Room 6

August 22

6:00pm **LSP Board**

Wednesday

Fiorill Rm



August 23

7:30pm **Men's AA**

Thursday

Chapin Hall

August 24

Office Closed

Friday

August 25

1:00pm **Private Party/Member**
4:30pm **Set up for Worship**

Saturday

Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall

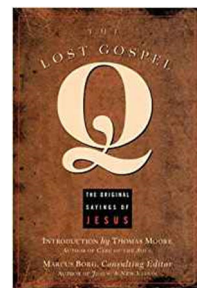
RALLY DAY!
Re-covenanting Sunday
September 9th

BIBLE STUDY GROUP STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

On three evenings in September Pastor Craig will lead a bible study on the early gospel known as "Q."

The dates are September 6, 13, and 20 at 7:30 PM.

We will meet in the Fiorilli Room.



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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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