

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**August 21, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# ~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

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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 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.*

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## 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.*

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## PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of The Earth”

Conrad Kocher

### Call to Worship

One        We may be thirsty and parched,  
              like an un-watered garden,  
              so we come into God's presence:

**All:        The Divine One is a spring of water!**

One:        We may be weary from worry and work  
              so we come into God's presence:

**All:        The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!**

One:        We may be lost or confused  
              so we come into God's presence:

**All:        The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!**

One:        We may be bent over with struggle or pain  
              So we come into God's presence:

**All:        The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!**

## \*HYMN

“Bring Many Names”

New Century (Black) 11

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God of all goodness,

you welcome us, forgive us and heal us.

You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.

You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.

Reveal yourself to us in this moment.

Let us know your presence so that we may bless you:

Bless you, O God!

Bless your holy name! With thanksgiving we pray in Jesus' name, 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,

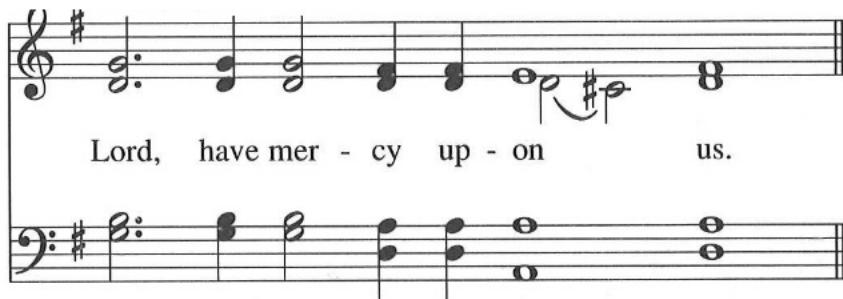
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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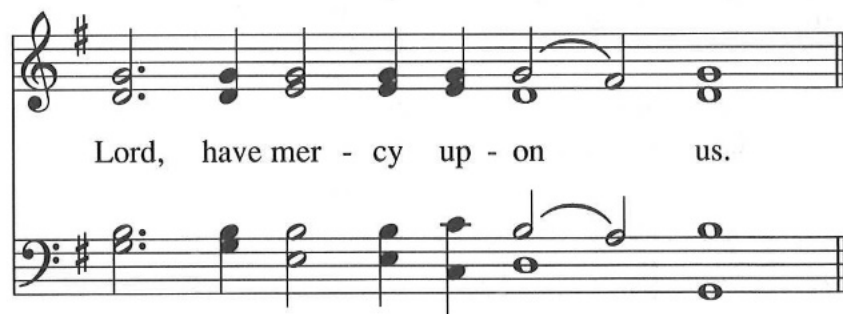
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first sung response is written on two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note D5 with a sharp sign, and a final whole note G4. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The accompaniment consists of quarter notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, followed by a half note D4 with a sharp sign, and a final whole note G3.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second sung response is written on two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note D5 with a sharp sign, and a final whole note G4. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The accompaniment consists of quarter notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, followed by a half note D4 with a sharp sign, and a final whole note G3.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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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



### ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"

Afro-American Spiritual

Vocal Quartet: Marsha Hoffman, Gail Hall, Dave Hall, Bill Hoffman

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-19

Pew Bible NT p66

### SERMON

"The Wideness of God's Mercy"

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

"Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows"

New Century (black) 248

### 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 in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

### Offertory Anthem

"Down at the River"

by Jill Gallina

Vocal Quartet: Marsha Hoffman, Gail Hall, Dave Hall, Bill Hoffman

## \*Doxology



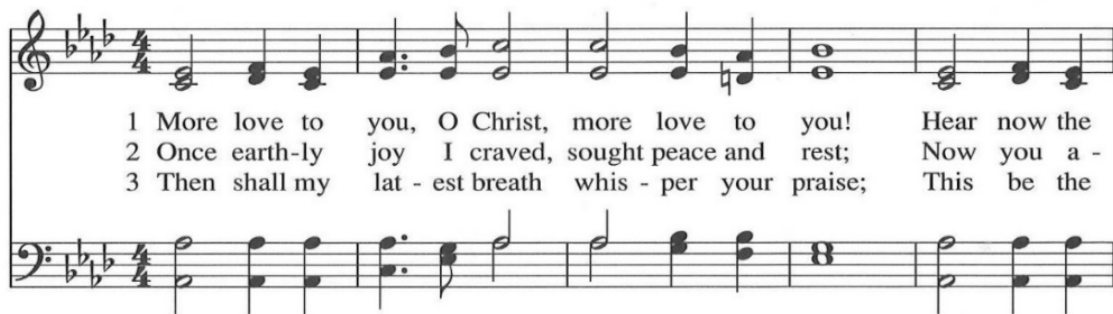
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### Joys & Concerns

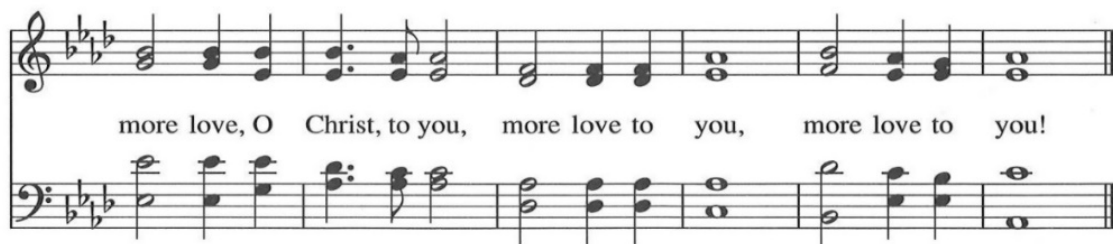
Sung Call to Prayer      “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1)      NC 456



1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the  
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -  
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



*Refrain*  
prayer I make faith to re - new.  
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,  
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:



more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

## Pastoral Prayer

**\*HYMN** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" New Century (black) 23

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "My Utmost For His Highest" Phillip Keveren

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<b>LITURGIST</b>	Michael Bower
<b>USHERS</b>	Anita Hawkins and Wendy Ware
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Jackie Little
<b>GUEST PIANIST</b>	Janet Schneider

*Today's Altar Flowers are given in Memory of  
Courtney Elizabeth Saehrig with Love from  
Grammy Graham and Shannon Madsen (mommy)*

*The Tower is lit in loving memory of  
Paul A. Tine Sr. (Grandfather and Father-in-law)  
by Gail and Natalie Tine*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b>
	10:00am	Summer Sunday School
<b>Sun. Aug 28</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship in Chapin Hall</b>
	10:00am	Childcare in Room 4
<b>Sun. Sept 4</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship in Sanctuary/Communion</b>
<b>Sun. Sept 11</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Re-covenanting Sunday</b>

*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship*





The Icon for August is from the late 1400's in Crete. It depicts Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene on Easter Morning. Stop by for some quiet reflection in the Weil Chapel.

## **RHCC Golf Tournament – Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**



This year's fall RHCC golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th at the Wethersfield Country Club at Noon.

We are planning for up to (8) foursomes and tee times will start about noon. Details of cost and tournament format will be available soon.

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. Don't miss out on this fun event!

## **Rally Day/Re-Covenanting Sunday September 11**

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the church year! After service, all parents may sign up their school-age children for the new church school program! And join us in Chapin Hall for a special lunch, sponsored by the Board for Faith Formation.

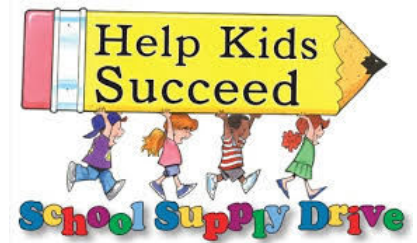


## Summer Backpack Drive

This summer, we will once again provide backpacks and school supplies for children in DCF care. Teenagers are most in need of school supplies. Items needed are:

Colored pencils, spiral notebooks, compass, drawing pads, erasers, file folders, rulers, pencils and sharpeners, highlighters, stapler & staples, binders, filler paper and backpacks.

You can also donate gift cards (Think Scrip!) and the supplies will be purchased. The final date for collection will be in August. Items can be left in the Missions office or Church Office. See Kari McCaw with any questions.



On August 28 Child Care during worship is available the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We are pleased to re-introduce this important ministry of Welcome and Hospitality to families attending our services with infants and toddlers.



We are also seeking adult volunteers to help Liz on Sundays—to ensure we have 2 adults present in the nursery. If you're interested in volunteering to help Liz, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

## WORSHIP RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Audio recordings, written sermons and bulletins for many of our Sunday worship services are available on the church website, [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org) (See WORSHIP BULLETINS) or you may contact the office to request an audio CD or printed sermon.

**Country Fair News**  
**The Fair will be held on**  
**Saturday, October 22nd**  
**from 9am to 3pm.!**



We are very excited to be having the Children's Booth back again as "Kids Corner". It will be operated by Holly Alessi, she is planning to sell toys, and play games. There will also be cotton candy sold. Also planned is a costume contest for the categories of scariest, prettiest and most original, plus a parade led by Liz Reed Swale. We will also have the pleasure of having Liz Reed sing in Chapin Hall.

The fair will be on 3 floors, the 3rd floor will have a White Elephant room, Antiques & Collectables and Sew Country (which will have all things sewing, knitting, etc.). On the 2nd floor will be the Tea Room, The bottom floor will have the Silent Auction, Kid's Corner, Holiday Shop and Jewelry. In Chapin Hall will be the Candy Shop, Bake Shop, Farmers Market and the Snack Shop.

The "Once Again" quilt will be on display and tickets will be available to purchase for a chance to win the quilt. The Quilt drawing will be held the same night as the Country Fair Dinner on November 5th at 5:30pm. Tickets for the dinner will be available during the fair and also be contacting the church office at (860) 529-4167.

If you would like to donate something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. For donations for the White Elephant or Kid's Corner we ask that it be clean and in good shape. I am sorry but we will not come and pick up. Being a volunteer is a great way to see the fair, if you want to volunteer but can't stay the whole day that is not a problem. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.

**Booth Chairpersons:**

Silent Auction: Elaine Somes .....	563-4099
Kid's Corner: Holly Alessi .....	680-3163
Holiday Shop: Lynn McKenna .....	836-0961
Jewelry: Bea Donahue .....	529-8687
Candy Shop: Candy Smith .....	563-4488
Bake Shop: Don & Polly Pagnucco .....	563-3233
Farmers Market: Ruth Jensen .....	563-4617
Tea Room: Sue Starr .....	529-3150
Sew Country: Nancy Rolfe & Anita Hawkins	
Antiques & Collectables: Nancy Harlow .....	529-4214
White Elephant: Bob Carberry .....	563-8311
Snack Shack: Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi ...	529-3652



# 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 order for cards not kept in inventory will be submitted on August 28.

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.

See **Gail Hall** 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 21

10:00am **Worship**

10:00am **Summer Sunday School** Room 24

11:00am Coffee Hour Chapin Hall

### August 22

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm Women's AA

### Sunday

Chapin Hall

Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall

### August 23

7:00pm Hearing Voices

### Tuesday

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### August 24

6:00pm Pilates

### Wednesday

Chapin Hall

### August 25

9:30am Music Together

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Room 25

Chapin Hall

### August 26

### Friday

### August 27

### Saturday



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

The Monday Morning Mailers  
will prep the September issue of  
the Church Mouse on Monday, August 29  
in the Fiorilli room at 9:30am. Join us!



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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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