

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**August 23, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Thirteenth 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 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" Southern Harmony

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea

There God's greatness stands majestically.

God's greatness can be within the human heart.

Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. AMEN

***HYMN** "For The Beauty of the Earth" printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

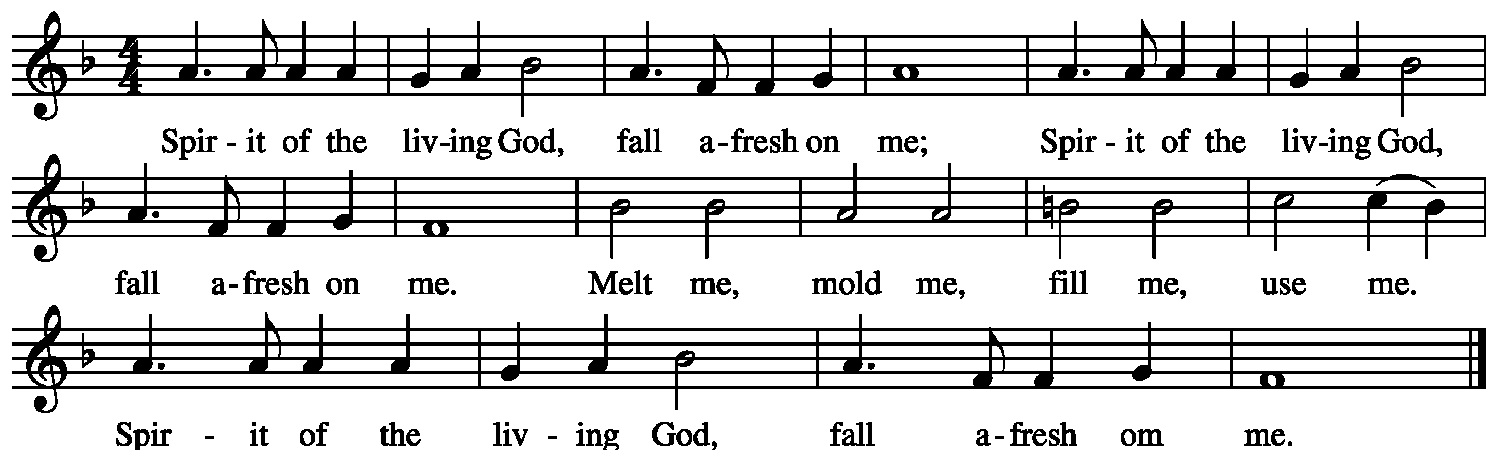
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*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We come into this space, because we have gifts to share. Words of healing and encouragement for those who are burdened, songs of praise and hope, smiles of comfort and affection, deeds of love and kindness. Let us 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

Timothy Kellogg

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 19:9-18

Thomas Sacerdote

SERMON

“Kindness Matters”

Elaine Some

*HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

printed in bulletin

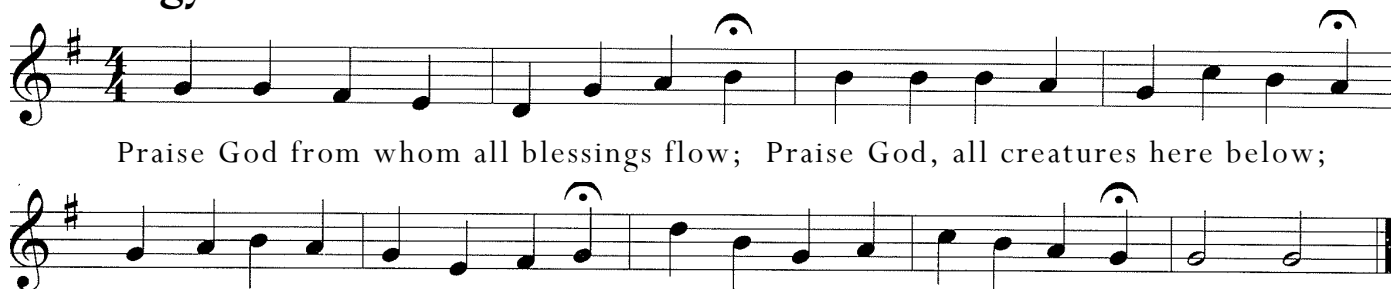
OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to the aisles to receive prayer request slips.

Invitation

Offertory Music “Nearer My God To Thee” arr. Elizabeth Giuliacci
Victoria Bower and John Hoffman, vocalists, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

*Doxology



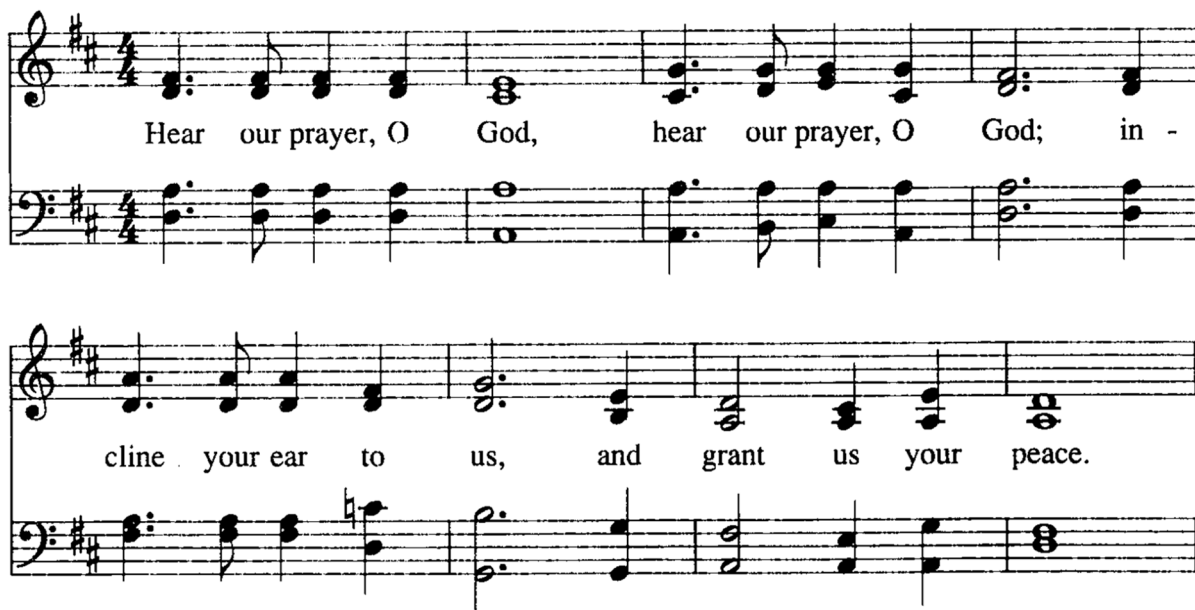
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Pastoral Prayer

LISTEN TO WORDS

“Nothing More”

The Alternate Routes

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Smith/Bock

LITURGISTS

Timothy Kellogg and Thomas Sacerdote

USHERS

Steve and Wendy Ware, Dave Sageman and Ruth Fitzgerald

**The flowers are given in memory of Ed Bacon
by Charlotte and family.**

**The tower is lit this week in memory of Paul A. Tine Sr.
by Gail and Natalie Tine.**

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

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

(Serve, Pray, Invoke, Receive, Ignite, Tell)

Summer Church School programming for **Pre-K through 5th grade**
will be offered **TODAY** during worship
(children begin in worship):

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.

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.



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 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 23 Sunday

10:00am **Worship**

Chapin Hall

August 24

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

August 25

NEWSLETTER MAILING

6:00pm Community Event

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 25

Room 24

August 26

6:00pm Kaplan

5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline

Wednesday

Room 24

Chapin Hall

August 27 Thursday

7:00pm Fair Committee

7:30pm Men's AA

Fiorilli Room

Chapin Hall

August 28 Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

August 29 Saturday

9:00am Yoga w/Lynn

3:00pm Tamil Sangam

Chapin Hall

Rms 22,23,24,25

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.



August Birthdays

Aug. 23	Emily McKenna
24	Thompson Hunt
25	Eleonora Shippy
26	Michael Bower
27	Persephone Blaise
	Logan Fritzer
28	Paul Tine Jr.
29	Lawrence Gilbert



The SEPTEMBER CHURCH MOUSE

NEWSLETTER MAILING

will be this

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

beginning at **9:30am.**

All are welcome to join our mailers. Refreshments provided.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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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