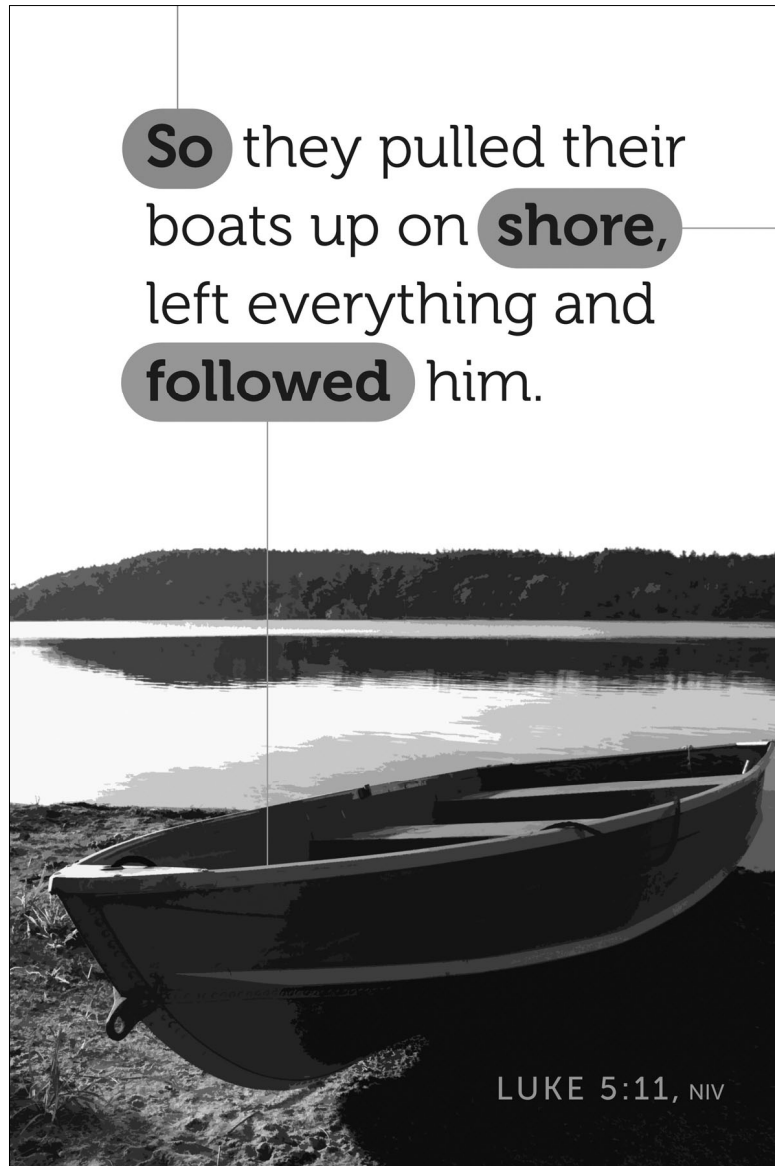


# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



August 24, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Eleventh 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4. **S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming** is available today for Pre-K — 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, following the “Message for All Ages” in the Fiorilli Room.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

*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 pastors 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

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

The blessings of God abound,

**here, there, everywhere.**

In all the steps of our journeying

**and in the place where we already are,**

the gifts of God are evident to seeking eyes and hearts.

**Let our eyes and our hearts be awakened today,**

**as we seek God together in this place.**

## \*HYMN

“Here in This Place”

printed in bulletin

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

*\***Bold type denotes collective response.***

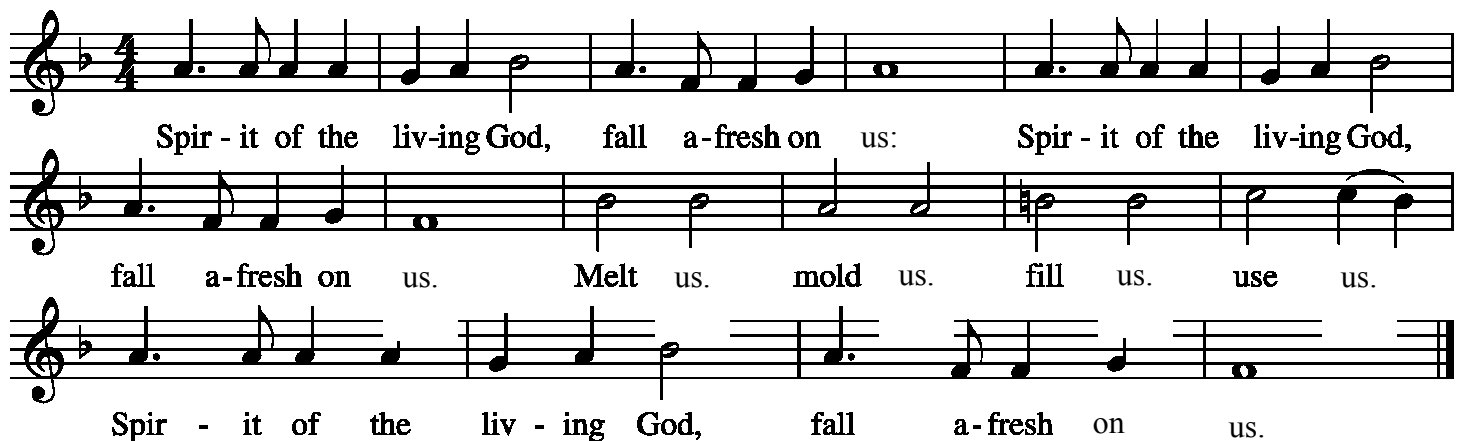
## \*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of all creation, God of here and now,  
we come together once more  
seeking wisdom for living, insight for understanding,  
courage for choosing, strength for following.  
We trust in your forgiving love  
that holds us in grace,  
even when we miss the depths  
and are blind to the riches,  
even when we forget how to seek you  
and then wonder if you're there.  
Guide us, Loving God, out to the deeper waters  
of life and of faith,  
where we will find all that we need...  
all that we need.

This we ask in Christ's name and spirit, as we also say together:

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 us: Spir - it of the liv-ing God,  
fall a-fresh on us. Melt us. mold us. fill us. use us.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us.

## 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

We will keep a place for you where - ev - er you may go.

We'll sus-tain this home of faith and love you've come to know. Go in peace, bring

hope to hearts that yearn. We will keep a place for you 'till you re-turn.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## ANTHEM

## READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 5:1-11

## SERMON

"In the Place Where We Already Are"

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

## \*HYMN

"Be Now My Vision"

printed in bulletin

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) will come to 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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 and Silent Prayer

#### \*HYMN

“God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

printed in bulletin

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*(Please remain seated during the postlude.)*

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We welcome our guest organist/pianist Windsor Johnson this morning.

The flowers this week are given in memory of  
James Cobb by Lynn McKenna



## **Summer Sermon Series**

### ***"Living Stones: Imagining the Future of the Church"***

*A series of sermons meant to engage us together in imagining how, and reflecting on why, the church might move forward – in a time very different from the past.*

#### **August 24      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 5:1-11

"Jesus said to Simon, 'Push out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' It was no sooner said than done – a huge haul of fish, so many it strained the nets."

*What would it mean to understand our core purpose as the church to be about depth, our main task as "going deeper"?*

**THE BLESSING OF OPPORTUNITY -      A second hour presentation**  
TODAY, **August 24th**, Sarah Mosure will share experiences from her medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. With Arm2Arm volunteers, she helped provide supplies and basic medical care to Haitian immigrants forced to live in encampments known as 'bateyes' by the Dominican government. Come for a second hour presentation of God's love in action.

## **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

### **MONDAY MORNING**

COME JOIN the **MONDAY MORNING MAILERS** - a wonderful group of people who help prepare bulk mailing. We will begin around 9:30am **TOMORROW** morning in the Fiorilli Room. It takes many hours to complete this task, so the more people helping, the faster the work is done. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Coffee is served

## **S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner**

*Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell*

### **Join Us Today for S.P.I.R.I.T. Programming!**

**(Parents:** *Pick-Up your child in the Fiorilli Room)*

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer programming today focuses on “Favorite Bible Stories”. S.P.I.R.I.T. programming, for children in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **LESSON → Favorite Bible Stories: The Good Samaritan**

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37

**Talk about** the Bible story children and youth explored this week. Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story: (1) Memorize this week’s Bible Verse, Matthew 22:39 “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”; (2) Talk about what Jesus meant when he said “neighbors”. List all the people you know and don’t know, who live close and far, that are your neighbors. Think about and discuss how you and your family can be good neighbors to someone next door and in another part of the world; (3) Be a good neighbor! Do something good for a neighbor in your community or somewhere else in the world.

**Prayer for the week:** *Dear God, we know that we are all your children, no matter where we live. Help us to love one another, and help us to be good neighbors. Amen.*

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee or email them at [RHCCchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com) for more information.

**S.P.I.R.I.T. Teachers Needed** – If you are interested in helping with S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School for the 2014-2015 program year, please email Meghan at [meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:meghan@rhccucc.org).

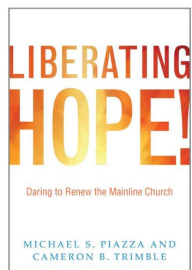
### **Koinonia 2014 has been cancelled due to insufficient interest.**

We apologize to all who expressed interest in attending. Look out for more intergenerational faith formation events this fall!

**Small Group Ministry at RHCC:**  
**Summer Faith Formation Opportunities**

*Join a small group to explore and enrich your faith in new ways!*

**ALL Church Summer Reading:**



**Liberating Hope.**

Join with your church family as we read together *Liberating Hope: Daring to Renew the Mainline Church*, written by Michael S. Piazza and Cameron B. Trimble. *Liberating Hope* provides concrete and tangible 21<sup>st</sup> century insight to those churches looking to renew their congregations through hope and optimism rooted in the resurrection.

Based on the successful work that Piazza and Trimble have done through The Center for Progressive Renewal, this book provides accurate and strategic evidence that the decline of the mainline, progressive church can be slowed and even reversed, despite the challenges it is facing. *Liberating Hope* is both thought provoking and an easy read, so don't forget to bring it with you on your summer vacation!

**Copies are available to check-out from the church office. Small discussion groups will be forming in late summer/early fall.**



**CHOIR REHEARSALS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER**

**You are invited to join!**

Our Minister of Music, Mary DeLibero, has scheduled the first choir rehearsals for the new program year. If you are interested in joining the first practice, please contact Mary at [mary@rhccucc.org](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org) for details.

**Childrens Choir -**

September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30

**Adult Choir**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Handbell Choir**

Monday September 15 at 7:30 pm





## 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.*

Today we continue to have a variety of cards in inventory from more than 35 different restaurants and retailers, available for immediate purchase this morning, including (but not limited to):

**Coffee:** Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks

**Fast food:** Burger King, Chipotle, McDonalds, Subway

**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, On the Border

**Shopping:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, Lowes, Marshall's, Staples, Target, Walmart

See Hilaire Leavitt at the scrip table this morning for a complete listing of available cards, or to have all of your questions answered.

**THINK SCRIP!**

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### August 24

10:00am **Worship**  
10:00am S.P.I.R.I.T.  
11:00am Second Hour  
1:00pm Noah's Table

### Sunday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Room  
Chapin Hall  
Peter's Retreat



### August 25

### Monday

#### **NEWSLETTER MAILING**

7:00pm Women's AA Chapin Hall

### August 27

9:30am **Quilters**

### Wednesday

Room 6

### August 28

7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Chapin Hall

### August 29

### Friday

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aug 24 David Edwards  
Thompson Hunt  
25 Eleonora Shippy  
26 Michael Bower  
27 Persephone Blaise  
28 Charles Vassilopoulos  
Paul Tine  
29 Lawrence Gilbert

## **OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Office hours will be

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Closed Fridays**

**STAFF VACATIONS**

**Mary** will be away from August 11 - 24.

**QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**Available TODAY**  
**in Chapin Hall**  
**Tickets are \$2.00**  
**Book of 10 is \$20.00**

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**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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**

Ministers: All the members of the church

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