

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**August 30, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Fourteenth 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

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us pray together,

For our God is a listening God.

Let us sing together,

For our God is a joyful God.

Let us offer praise together,

For our God is a majestic God.

Let us give thanks together,

For our God is a generous God.

Let us rejoice together,

For our God is a loving God.

*HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

printed in bulletin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we worship here today,

We ask You, Creator God:

put a new song in our mouths,

put a new joy in our hearts,

put a new confidence in our wills,

put a new truth in our minds, and

put a new task in our hands,

through Jesus Christ Who taught us to 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,

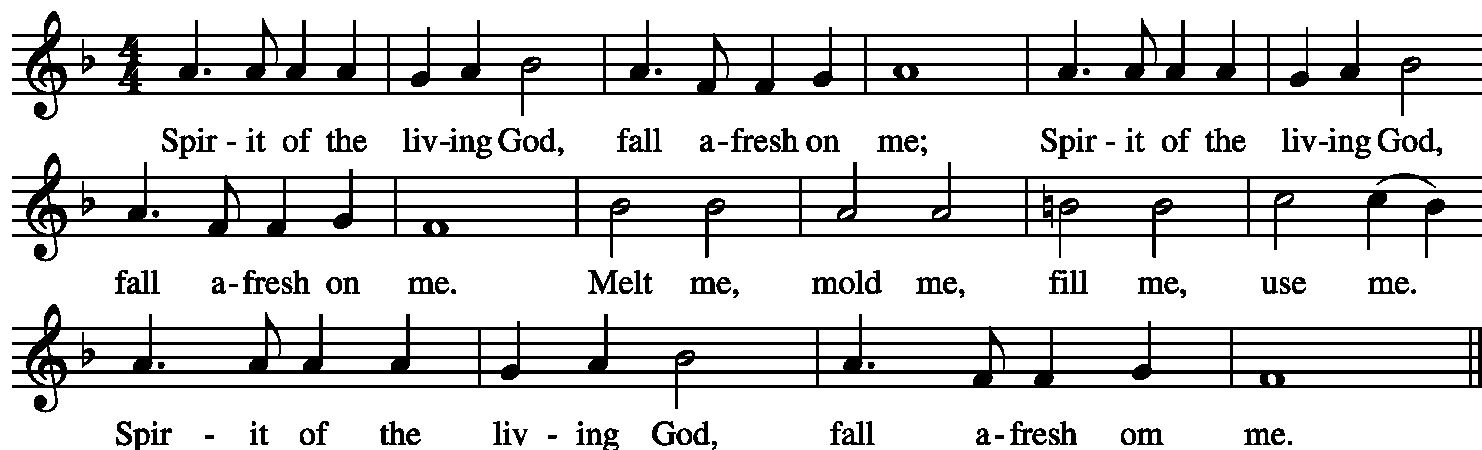
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Wilberg

Michael Bower, soloist, Katie Hoffman-Fulda, flute

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 6:5-13

Matthew 7:7-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SERMON

“We Can Pray!”

The Rev. Bob Woodward

***HYMN**

“O Grant Us, God, A Little Space”

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 Anthem

“Prayer”

Reinhold Gliere

***Doxology**



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;



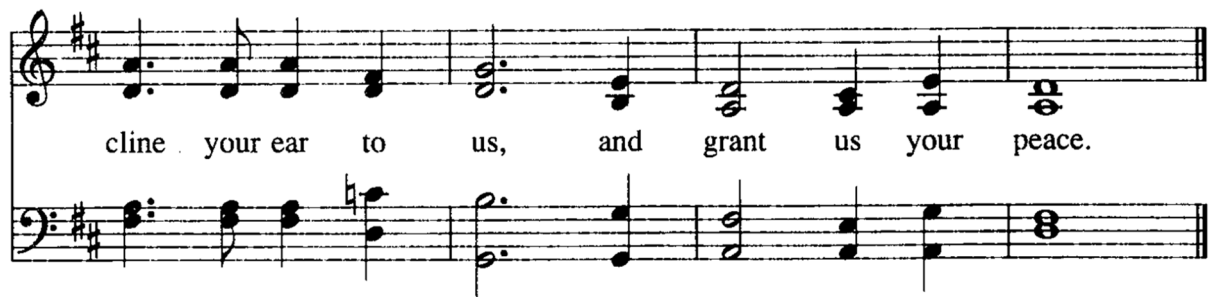
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer



Pastoral Prayer

- *HYMN “What a Friend We Have In Jesus” printed in bulletin
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE “Glorify Thy Name” Adkin/Brock
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LITURGIST

Gail Hall

The flowers are given in memory of our parents
By John and Midge Sword

LOOKING AHEAD:

Our new Pastor begins his work with us on Tuesday September 8th.
On Sunday, September 13, we welcome Craig L. Cowing and his
wife, Anita Hawkins, as they join RHCC during his first Sunday
here.

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. RHCC prays for the Red Sox and roots for UCONN women basketball.

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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

August 30

10:00am **Worship**
3:00pm Tamil School

Sunday

Chapin Hall
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August 31

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Women's AA

Monday

Chapin Hall

September 1

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 24

September 2

6:00pm Kaplan
7:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday

Room 24
Mary's

September 3

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall

September 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday



August 31 Lily Hill
Barry Wilcock
Douglas Elliot
Sept 1 Marge Murk
2 Michael Fitzgerald
3 Carolyn Taylor
Tom Fulda
Phyllis Wilkey
Bob Inderbitzen
4 Liz Pulling
John Corvo

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.



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 is the deadline for ordering cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table after morning worship, or you may email your order to treasurer@rhccucc.org by the end of today. Cards ordered by today will be available for pickup next Sunday, Sept. 6.

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

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Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Office Manager: Mitsey Baker office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

God is still speaking,
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