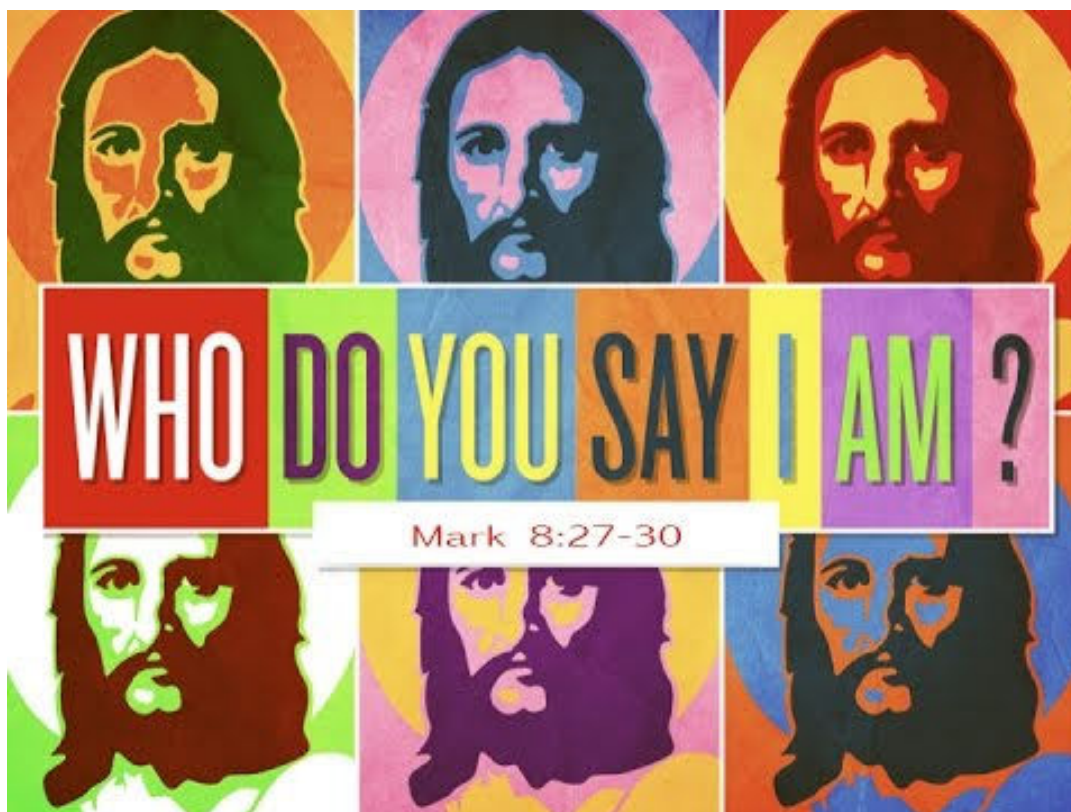


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**September 16, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventeenth 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.*

INTROIT

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
The Choir

arr. Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Doretta Andonucci

L: Jesus asks the disciples:

All: **“Who do people say I am?”**

L: They answer, “Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah;
and others say one of the prophets.” But Jesus presses them:

All: **“Who do you say I am?”**

L: Peter answers, “You are Christ—God’s anointed one, God-with-us!”
Now Jesus pushes us:

All: **“What about you?”**

Here, in this moment, in this community,

Who do you say I am?”

Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

***Bold type** denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

Holy God

**You call to us from the depths of our hearts,
where we long for connection with you and with one another.**

**You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods,
Where human pain and possibility are most urgent.**

**You call to us from our sacred stories,
where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort.**

**Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and
help us see with your eyes**

**the ways which lead to beloved community
where Christ Jesus is at the center.**

**We ask this 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**

“Shepherd Lead Me”

NCH775

Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Shepherd Lead Me'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The lyrics 'Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,' are written below the treble staff.

make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,

The second system of musical notation. The lyrics 'make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,' are written below the treble staff.

you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty.

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MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Georgette Huie

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 musical notation for 'We Will Keep a Place For You' is presented in three systems, each with a single treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below each staff.

ANTHEM

“I Will Arise”
The Choir

Parker/Shaw

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible NT p. 43-44

SERMON

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

***HYMN**

“Before Your Cross, O Jesus”

NCH 191

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the minister 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

***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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

NCH774

D Asus4 A D

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em A7 D D7

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em A7 D

sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

***HYMN**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

NCH 493

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Bachiana”

Gordon Young

LITURGIST

Doretta Andonucci

USHERS

Marge Murk, Dave Sageman Sarah & Jim DeGiovanni

HOSPITALITY

Sue Van Ness & Jen Martin



Today’s Altar Flowers are given by Joan Tennyson,
in loving memory of my granddaughter, Catherine Macri

The Tower is lit this week in loving memory of Alex Murk by
Marge Murk.



2018 Daily Bible Reading Guide Connecticut Bible Society



Growing With God's Word

I am like an olive tree growing in the house of God; I trust in His constant love forever and ever. -Psalm 52.8 (Good news Translation)

SEPTEMBER

Growing with God's Word in Wisdom and Strength

- 1 Mark 2.18-28
- 2 Mark 4.1-20
- 3 Mark 4.21-34
- 4 Mark 7.1-23
- 5 Psalm 1
- 6 Psalm 2
- 7 Psalm 19
- 8 Psalm 25
- 9 Proverbs 1.1-33
- 10 Proverbs 3.1-35
- 11 Proverbs 4.1-27
- 12 Proverbs 14.1-35
- 13 Proverbs 15.1-33
- 14 Proverbs 16.1-33
- 15 Proverbs 17.1-28
- 16 Proverbs 18.1-24
- 17 Proverbs 22.1-29
- 18 Proverbs 23.1-35
- 19 Proverbs 24.1-34
- 20 Ecclesiastes 1.1-18
- 21 Ecclesiastes 2.1-26
- 22 Ecclesiastes 3.1-22
- 23 Ecclesiastes 5.1-20
- 24 Ecclesiastes 7.1-25
- 25 Ecclesiastes 8.1-17
- 26 Ecclesiastes 9.13—10.20
- 27 Ecclesiastes 12.1-14
- 28 2 Kings 22.1-20
- 29 2 Kings 23.21-30
- 30 Job 28.1-28

OCTOBER

Growing with God's Word and Pursuing Justice and Peace

- 1 Exodus 18.1-27
- 2 Exodus 23.1-13
- 3 Deuteronomy 15.1-18
- 4 Psalm 15
- 5 Isaiah 1.1-20
- 6 Isaiah 2.1-22
- World Communion Sunday**
- 7 1 Corinthians 11.17-34
- 8 Isaiah 3.1-15
- 9 Isaiah 4.2—5.7
- 10 Isaiah 5.8-30
- 11 Isaiah 6.1-13
- 12 Isaiah 9.8—10.4
- 13 Isaiah 11.1-16
- 14 Isaiah 24.1-23
- 15 Isaiah 29.9-24
- 16 Isaiah 30.8-26
- 17 Isaiah 32.1-20
- 18 Isaiah 33.1-24
- 19 Isaiah 56.1-12
- 20 Isaiah 57.1-21
- 21 Isaiah 58.1-14
- 22 Isaiah 59.1-21
- 23 Amos 1.1-15
- 24 Amos 2.1-16
- 25 Amos 3.1-15
- 26 Amos 4.1-13
- 27 Amos 5.1-27
- 28 Amos 6.1-14
- 29 Amos 7.1-17
- 30 Amos 8.1-14
- 31 Amos 9.1-15

NOVEMBER

Growing with God's Word in Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Psalm 8
- 2 Psalm 30
- 3 Psalm 40.1-11
- 4 Deuteronomy 16.1-17
- 5 Deuteronomy 30.1-20
- 6 Deuteronomy 31.9-29
- 7 Deuteronomy 31.30—32.27
- 8 Deuteronomy 32.28-44
- 9 Deuteronomy 33.1-17
- 10 Deuteronomy 33.18-29
- 11 2 Samuel 6.1-23
- 12 2 Samuel 7.1-17
- 13 2 Samuel 7.18-29
- 14 Isaiah 12.1-6
- 15 Isaiah 25.1-9
- 16 Isaiah 42.1-17
- 17 Jeremiah 10.1-16
- 18 Psalm 50
- 19 Psalm 71
- 20 Psalm 75
- 21 Psalm 135
- Thanksgiving Day**
- 22 Psalm 136
- 23 Psalm 138
- 24 Psalm 121
- 25 Psalm 122
- 26 Psalm 124
- 27 Psalm 125
- 28 Psalm 126
- 29 Psalm 127
- 30 Psalm 128

DECEMBER

Growing with God's Word in Love and Joy

- 1 Psalm 24
- First Sunday of Advent**
- 2 Luke 21.25-38
- 3 Daniel 12.1-13
- 4 Isaiah 44.1-28
- 5 Isaiah 45.1-25
- 6 Isaiah 48.1-22
- 7 Isaiah 49.1-26
- 8 Isaiah 52.1-12
- Second Sunday of Advent**
- 9 Isaiah 60.1-22
- 10 Isaiah 61.1-11
- 11 Zephaniah 1.1-18
- 12 Zephaniah 2.1-15
- 13 Zephaniah 3.1-20
- 14 Malachi 1.1-14
- 15 Malachi 2.1-17
- Third Sunday of Advent**
- 16 Malachi 3.1-18
- 17 Malachi 4.1-6
- 18 Isaiah 7.10-25
- 19 Isaiah 8.1-20
- 20 Isaiah 8.21—9.7
- 21 Luke 1.1-25
- 22 Luke 1.26-56
- Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 23 Luke 1.57-80
- 24 Luke 2.1-20
- Christmas Day**
- 25 John 1.1-18
- 26 John 1.19-34
- 27 John 1.35-51
- 28 Revelation 5.1-14
- 29 Revelation 7.1-17
- 30 Romans 15.14-33
- 31 Romans 16.17-27

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.



RHCC Golf Tournament - Sunday, September 16th

TODAY! Our Fall RHCC golf tournament at the Wethersfield Country Club starts at 12:30pm. See Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) for info. *Don't miss out on this fun event!*



In the coming months, we have many Sundays available for memorial flowers or to mark a special occasion such as graduation, an anniversary, or special birthday. They need not be a formal flower arrangement but could be flowers from your garden, or a flowering plant. Sign up in Chapin hall or call/email the church office: 860-529-4167, office@rhccucc.org



RHCC Music Ministry

We are gearing up for the fall! The adult choir, bell choir, children's choir and drum choir will be starting rehearsals soon. If you are interested in joining any of the groups, or if you play an instrument and would like to play in church, please contact Mary at mary@rhccucc.org or 860-529-4167.



You have an opportunity to support our Church Fair Raffle! Do you have a new or vintage quilt or large wall hanging you can donate? Did you win a quilt you do not use? Did you inherit a quilt that you do not use or want? If you are shaking your head yes, then consider donating it to our raffle. Any quilt size from twin to king is welcome!

Call Joan Tennyson @ 860-529-8789.



It's almost time for the Fair!

The Rocky Hill Congregational Church Country Fair will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 9am to 2pm.

We will have plenty of wonderful booths to get your holiday shopping started, delicious refreshments and a farmer's market, as well as activities for families! The next meeting of the Fair and Events Committee will be on **October 4 at 7pm**. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

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. Contact any member of the Events Team if you'd like to get involved.

If you would like to **donate** something for one of the booths or make something for the bake shop it would be greatly appreciated. All donations must be clean and in good shape. We are looking for the following items:

- White Elephant - gently used household items, DVDs, games.
- Sew Country - yarn and fabric, sewing and knitting items, craft items.
- Donations of goods and services for the Silent Auction.
- Baked goods; especially pies, cakes and cupcakes.
- Jewelry - gently used purses, wallets, eye glass cases, tote bags, scarves, and jewelry.

Booth Chairpersons

Silent Auction:	Volunteer Needed!!
Holiday Shop:	Lynn McKenna
Farmers Market:	Ruth Jensen
Tea Room:	Jenn & Bill Cordes
Bake Shop:	Goff family
Snack Shack:	Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi
Jewelry Shop:	Sue Van Ness & Jen Martin
Sew Country:	Anita Hawkins
White Elephant:	Nancy Harlow
Something Different:	Hilaire Leavitt
Kid's Corner:	Emily McKenna

FAIR DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED ON SUNDAYS OR DURING OFFICE HOURS; MONDAY – THURSDAY 9AM-2PM.



I am very sorry to say I have to say good bye to being Chairman of the Events Ministry Team. I want to thank the membership for all the help and making me feel so welcome to being part of a huge family through the past 2 1/2 years. I especially want to thank all the volunteers who helped out during all our events. - Peter Alessi

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 September 23.

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

September 16

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

September 17

7:00pm Women's AA

September 18

7:00pm Hearing Voices

September 19

6:00pm LSP Board

September 20

7:00pm **Bible Study**
7:30pm Men's AA

September 21

September 22

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 23, 24, 25, 27
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall

Tuesday

Room 6

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Chapin Hall

Friday

Saturday



17	Phyllis Carlo
19	Lori Benito
20	Gabrielle Pierson
21	Sandra Gau
22	Gayle McGowan



WE'RE UPDATING OUR RECORDS!

Contact the office if you have any **changes** to your contact information (address, phone or email) at: 860-529-4167 or office@rhccucc.org.

If you are not receiving our weekly email, please fill in your email address below and return to the office. Thank you!

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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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