

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**September 18, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Eighteenth 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

“Larghetto Pastorale”

Domenico Zipoli

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Barry Wilcock

One: Though our hearts may be grieving, we come risking joy:

**All: God is our balm.**

One: Though we weep over woes of the day, we are here seeking hope:

**All: God soothes our discomfort.**

One: Though our lives are often difficult, we gather for strength:

**All: God restores our souls and cares for us;**

**God calms our anguish and dries our tears.**

**All: Let us call on the Holy One, and rejoice in God,  
ever our source of solace in our daily journey,  
ever our comforter in times of trial. Amen.**

## \*HYMN

“Ask Me What Great Thing I Know”

New Century (Black) 49

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

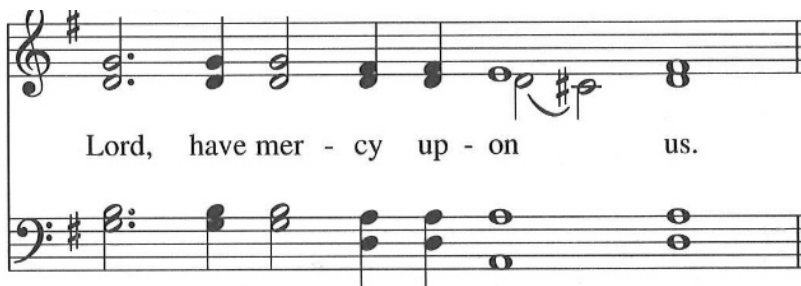
***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of our hearts,  
you are our Physician in times of hurt;  
your balm heals our wounds.  
You hear our prayers, intercessions and supplications.  
Your presence is pleasing to us and we welcome you.  
Together in your sanctuary we rejoice in your embrace and  
offer you our boundless praise.  
We pray 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

NC 750



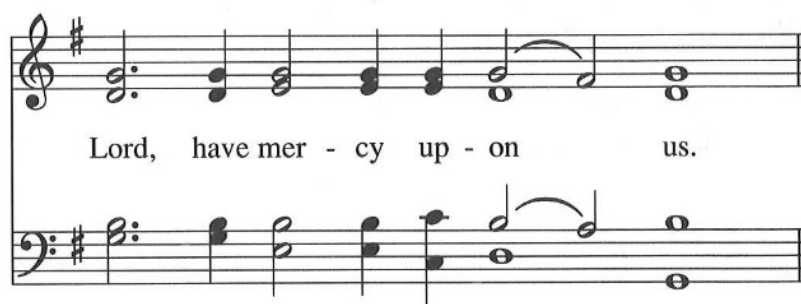
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in quarter notes and half notes, with a final cadence. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, with a treble and bass staff in the key of D major and common time. The melody and accompaniment are the same as in the first system.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first two, with a treble and bass staff in the key of D major and common time. The melody and accompaniment are the same as in the first system.

## 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



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: "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."

**ANTHEM**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

J.A. Freylinghausen  
The Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

Pew Bible OT p657

**SERMON**

“Right Relationship: The Cure for God’s Grief.”

Cori Mackey

**\*HYMN**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

New Century (black) 553

### 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**

“Quiet Peace”

Gerald Peterson

## \*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

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:

*Refrain*

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

## Pastoral Prayer

\*HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory” New Century (black) 436

## BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “Toccata All' Offertorio” Domenico Zipoli

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## LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

## USHERS

Jim and Lois Stevens, Bob Simmons and Bea Donahue

## HOSPITALITY

Ruth Jensen

### TODAY

10:00am Worship with Guest Preacher  
Cori Mackey, CAC Executive Director  
9:30am Child Care  
10:00am Church School  
11:00am Coffee Fellowship Hour  
2:30pm High School Youth event

### NEXT WEEK

SUN. SEPT. 25

10:00am Worship  
Youth Groups Big Fluffy Dog  
presentation  
Child Care  
Church School  
Coffee Fellowship



**Christian  
Activities  
Council**



Cori Mackey will be our guest Preacher today, Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our Executive Director, Cori Mackey, is pursuing her ordination process. I respect her for her dedication to becoming an ordained UCC Minister, while still working tirelessly for the CAC, and her family. -Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, delegate

Cori's passion is engaging low-income communities in organizing efforts that bring about quality of life changes. She is also deeply passionate about the intersection of social justice and congregational life embodied in a belief that church must be more than just a gathering space on Sundays. She holds an M.Div. from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH and is a member of Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford.

## S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School News

### High School Youth Group

On September 18, we will once again visit the Berlin Mosque for an interfaith youth event, and on October 2, we will meet to plan for a 2017 mission trip.

### Middle School Youth Group

Thanks to the generosity of RHCC folks, the Middle School Youth Group has collected many items requested by the Big Fluffy Dog Rescue project. We will make the hand-off right after worship on September 25, and will have a chance to meet some of the dogs!



### Nursey Room Open for families with infants and toddlers

On September 11, 18 & 25; Child Care during worship is available in the nursery, Room 4 (ground floor), from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Supervised by Liz Pulling and another adult. We are also seeking adult volunteers to help Liz on Sundays If you're interested, please speak to her before or after worship, or contact Bob Inderbitzen (Personnel Committee), Kathy Morgan (Board for Faith Formation), or the church office.

### Big Fluffy Dog Rescue ([bigfluffydogs.com](http://bigfluffydogs.com)) is a charitable organization dedicated to helping giant mixed breed dogs in need.

Big Fluffy Dog Rescue works to save Great Pyrenees, Saint Bernards, Newfoundlands and their mixes from euthanasia. Their dogs come in to rescue for many different reasons. Many were abandoned at high kill shelters in the South. Some were turned in by owners who could not properly care for them and still others are failed livestock guardian dogs. Regardless of their origins, the goal for every dog they have is the same: a safe, happy home where each dog is a well-loved member of the family.

The items we collected over the summer included:

- Dog crates (used in working condition are fine)
- Towels, comforters and bed linens
- Dog food and treats
- Toys



RHCC adults and high school youth are invited to attend an interfaith event at the Berlin Mosque. While the youth gather for their



ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION  
of GREATER HARTFORD  
**BERLIN MOSQUE**

own activities, adults will gather in the worship space with Dr. Reza Mansoor, who will answer any questions we may have about Islam. Dr. Mansoor is President of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, Vice-Chair of the Hartford Seminary Board of Trustees, a cardiologist at Hartford Hospital, and author of the newly published book, *Stigmatized: From 9/11 to Trump and Beyond – An American Muslim Journey*. Those of us who have attended previous events have found this time with Dr. Mansoor to be well worth it: eye-opening, educational, prayerful, and compelling. This is also a wonderful opportunity to support our Muslim neighbors who continue to be stigmatized.

Date: Sunday, September 18, 2016

Time: 3pm to 6pm (dinner provided)

Where: Berlin Mosque – 1781 Berlin Turnpike – Berlin, CT

What: Youth – Interfaith Paint-Off

Adults – Q&A with Dr. Mansoor

Please RSVP by emailing Georgette at [ghuie@rhccucc.org](mailto:ghuie@rhccucc.org). Car pools are a possibility.

## **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 is 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!



## ICON OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel.



The Icon of the Month for September is from the Yaroslavl region of Russia and dates from around 1300 AD. The text on the Bible in Jesus' hand reads "I am the light of the world" in Greek. Icons from this region of Russia are known for the jewel-like appearance, with bright colors.

## RHCC Music Ministry

We are gearing up for the fall! The 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](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org).



*Choir:* Wednesday, 7:30pm, choir room, starting Sept. 14

*Bell Choir:* Monday, 7:30pm, loft, starting Sept. 19

*Children's Choir:* Sunday after church, 11:20 am, start date TBD

*Drum Choir:* time and day TBD



THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.

We're updating our records: Please contact the church office if you have a change of address, phone or email. [Office@RHCCUCC.org](mailto:Office@RHCCUCC.org) or 860-529-4167





Save the Dates!  
Country Fair  
Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am to 3pm!  
&

Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available for sale in early September.



### WHITE ELEPHANT BOOTH DONATION DROP OFF

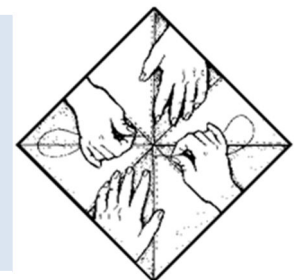
If you have items to be donated to the White Elephant Booth for our Country Fair, you may drop them off at the Church Office during office hours, Monday through Thursday: 9am – 2pm or Friday: 9am – Noon. See Bob Carberry with questions or if you need help moving your items.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third of NIN funds support the council for American Indian

Ministry (CAIM). Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. The offering will be collected on **Sunday, October 2, 2016** as part of the World Communion Sunday observance.

The Quilters will meet on the next two Wednesdays; September 21 and 28, at 10:00am in the Quilting Room to plan the 2017 quilt.





The October **CHURCH MOUSE** will be mailed on Monday, September 26. Join a terrific speedy group of mailers in the Fiorilli Room beginning around 9:30am. Come any time in the morning, for a half hour, an hour, or however long you can. Refreshments will be served. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We encourage all members of Boards, Committees and the Church to share their news, events and photos for our facebook page, by sending these to [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org). Don't forget to follow us on facebook for updates about Worship and Events!  
[www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)



### **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.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

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. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. Please see the back page of this bulletin for our Open and Affirming Statement. All are welcome here.



*New Members Are Joining*



Hunger never takes a holiday. Food Pantries need our help to meet their food demands. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item, laundry detergent, or baby items to worship every time you come. The large basket in the front foyer of the church welcomes all food donations.

Pew Crew members have been taking your donations to the Rocky Hill food pantry.

*HONOR LOVED ONES. DEDICATE SANCTUARY FLOWERS  
OR LIGHT THE TOWER*

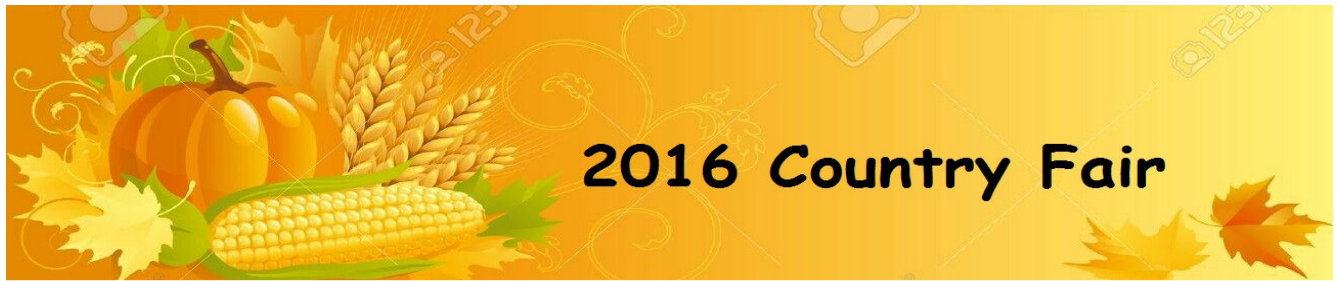
Please sign up to contribute flowers for the sanctuary. It is a lovely way to honor the memory or special events of family and friends. Also, we have a long-standing tradition of lighting our tower at night in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation remains at \$10 to have the tower lit for the week from Sunday through Saturday.



You may sign up on the [Flower Calendar](#) or on the [Tower Clip Board](#) in Chapin Hall. Or you can contact the church office at: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) 860-529-4167.



Do you love knitting or do you want to learn? The prayer shawl ministry knits prayer shawls that are given to church members and friends in times of grief or illness. We also donate prayer shawls to local hospitals. No knitting experience required, just ask and we'll teach you. Contact Denise Carberry with any questions.



## 2016 Country Fair

October 22

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

# Country Fair

Rocky Hill Congregational Church  
805 Old Main Street

"Once Again" Quilt Raffle

*Entertainment by singer/songwriter Liz Reed*

Plus a Costume Parade for the children

(Volunteer Judges needed for Costume Contest)

### Featured Shops

White Elephant Shop

Jewelry Shop

Farmers Market

Tea Room (opens at 11:00 am)

Snack Shack

Holiday Shop

Candy Shop

Sew Country

Kid's Corner

Bake Shop

Antiques & Collectables

Silent Auction (closes at 2:00 pm)

Volunteers and Donations are still needed

## **Roast Beef Dinner & Quilt Raffle Drawing**

Saturday November 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Tickets \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children - Children under 4 free

Reservations are required

Tickets can be purchased at the Fair

or call the

Church Office at (860) 529-4167

# 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 ordering deadline for cards not kept in inventory will be on September 25. Comprehensive listings of all available retailers can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry and "Big Fluffy Dog Rescue" through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries (food pantry) or pet stores (BFD). For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries and other items. 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

### September 18

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**  
11:00am **Coffee Hour**  
3:00pm **Interfaith Event**  
4:00pm **Tamil School**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26  
Chapin Hall  
Berlin  
Rms 22,23,25,26,27



### September 19

9:00am **LSP Preschool**  
7:00pm **Women's AA**  
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### Monday

Preschool  
Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary

### September 20

10:30am **Retired Clergy**  
7:00pm **LSP Board Mtg**  
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

### Tuesday

Parlor  
Fiorilli  
Room 22

### September 21

6:00pm **Kaplan Test Prep**  
6:00pm **Pilates**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Room 22  
Chapin Hall  
Choir Loft

### September 22

9:30am **Music Together**  
7:00pm **Events Cmte**  
7:30pm **Men's AA**

### Thursday

Room 25  
Fiorilli  
Chapin Hall

### September 23

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Friday

### September 24

### Saturday

18	Valeri Calcagni
19	Lori Benito
20	Gabrielle Pierson
21	Sandra Gau
22	Gayle McGowan
23	Steven Sudell
24	Michele Jokl
24	Christina Peterson

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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing [ccowing@rhccucc.org](mailto:ccowing@rhccucc.org)

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie [ghuie@rhccucc.org](mailto:ghuie@rhccucc.org)

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero [mary@rhccucc.org](mailto:mary@rhccucc.org)

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Child Care Provider: Liz Pulling