

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**September 25, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Nineteenth 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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Life that is really life!**

Leader: Comes from the One we trust.

**All: Life that is really life!**

Leader: Comes from the presence we call to.

**All: Life that is really life!**

Leader: Comes from the foundation of goodness and sharing.

**All: Life that is really life!**

Leader: Comes to us now in this moment.

**All: Let us take hold of life that is really life**

## \*HYMN

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

New Century (Black) 613

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

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, we have brought nothing into the world,  
so that we can take nothing out of it.

May we live with this humility and rootedness  
especially when we feel trapped, grounded in fear,  
eager to run away, longing for more riches and power.

In the silence we experience today, may we be still  
and center on your light, where generosity and sharing  
ebb and flow.

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.

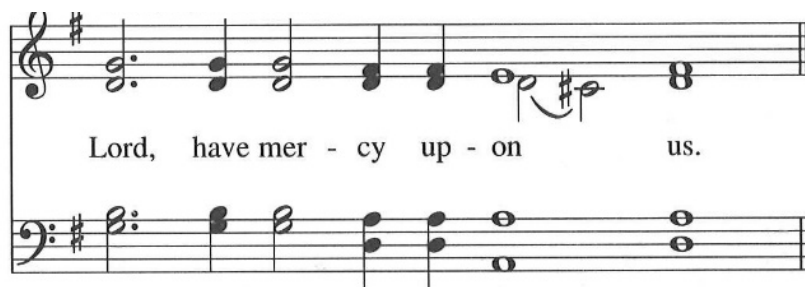
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

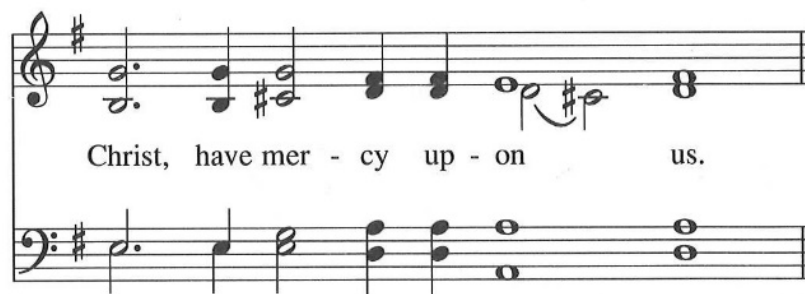
## \*SUNG RESPONSE

NC 750



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with block chords and a simple bass line.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system of musical notation is similar to the first, with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff in D major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third system of musical notation is similar to the first, with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff in D major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment.

## 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 is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. 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

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32:1-15

Pew Bible OT 736

#### SERMON

“Acting Impractically In Faith”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

#### \*HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

New Century (black) 286

### 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

## \*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

*Refrain*  
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:

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

## Pastoral Prayer

\*HYMN

“God Be with You”

New Century (black) 81

BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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LITURGIST

Liz Reed-Swale

USHERS

Jim and Lois Stevens, Deb Copes, Steve Smith

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff, Jeanne Alessi

*The tower this week is lit in loving memory of Judi Pawlich Socha  
by Rich, Mary and Rick Pawlich-Paggilicio*



### 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.*



**TODAY!**

**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.

See Bill Hoffman (860-563-1367) with any questions. Don't miss out on this fun event!



**Nursely 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.



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!**



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.



### 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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FAIR: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9AM-2PM.**

### **QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE**

Quilt Raffle Tickets - Available for sale after worship in Chapin Hall and in the office (Monday - Thursday, 9am-2pm)

***\$1.00 for one - \$10.00 for a book of ten***

(why not sign a book out and help the quilters sell tickets?)

For more info, see: Kim Batterson Biglow, Stephanie Heneghan or Gail Tine.

The drawing will be held at the Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Tickets for the dinner: \$12.00 for Adults - \$5.00 for Children – Children under 4 free.



# 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

**Today** is the deadline to order cards that are not kept in inventory. Order forms may be turned in at the scrip table this morning or emailed to [treasurer@rhccucc.org](mailto:treasurer@rhccucc.org) by tonight. Orders placed by today will be available for pickup next Sunday, Oct. 2. After today, the next order will be placed on October 30.

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 25

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**  
11:00am **Coffee Hour**  
Noon **Golf Outing**  
4:00pm Tamil School  
6:00pm Youth Group

### September 26

**9:30AM NEWSLETTER MAILING**

7:00pm Women's AA  
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

### September 27

6:00pm Cedar Hollow  
7:00pm Hearing Voices

### September 28

6:00pm Kaplan Test Prep  
5:45pm **Music Committee**  
6:00pm Pilates  
7:00pm **Faith Formation**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### September 29

9:30am Music Together  
7:30pm Men's AA

### September 30

### October 1

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary

### Tuesday

Chapin Hall  
Room 22

### Wednesday

Room 25  
Fiorilli  
Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli or Rm 24  
Choir Loft

### Thursday

Room 25  
Chapin Hall

### Friday

### Saturday



25	Al Diaz
26	Diane Bengston
27	Ellie Maher
28	James Ussery Jr
28	Kirsten Timrud
29	George Moore III
29	Eric Jokl



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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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