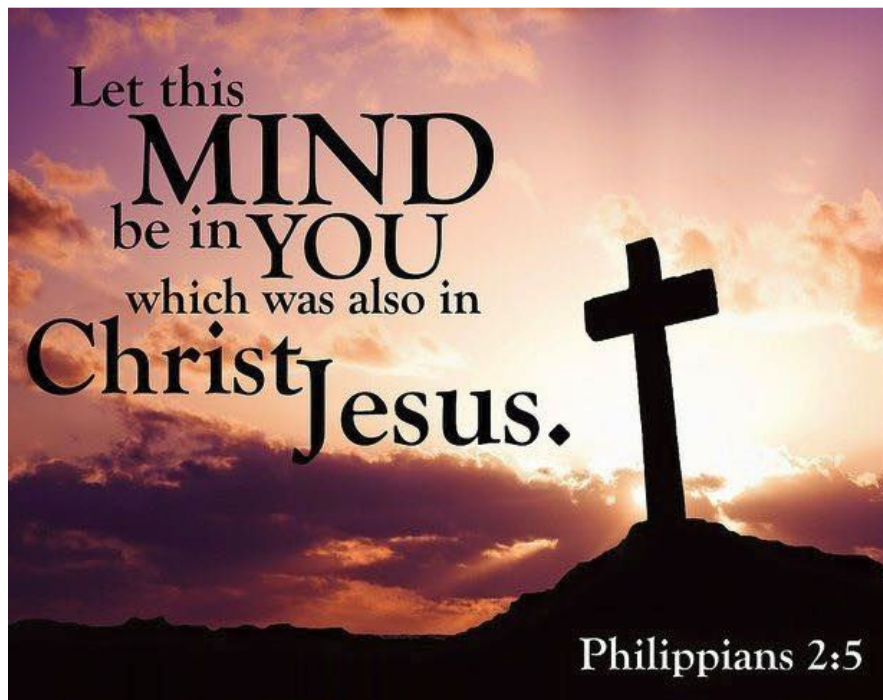


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 1, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday**

~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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

PRELUDE

“Ave Verum”

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Stevens

L: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.

All: Our God is among us.

L: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.

All: Our God moves among us.

L: Watch and listen, for God is here.

All: Our God dwells among us.

L: Watch and listen, for all of God's children around the world call to God together.

All: Our God hears us as we call out with our sisters and brothers.

*HYMN

“O for a World”

NC (black) 575

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, the encourager, God, the compassionate,

God, the merciful, holy, blessed:

Disturb us. Rouse us from our sleep.

Lift us into consciousness of your presence.

Change us, move us, mold us for the better;

So that, at the sound of your voice

At the call of our name

We will never be the same.

May this worship do this and so much more, in the name of Jesus.

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.

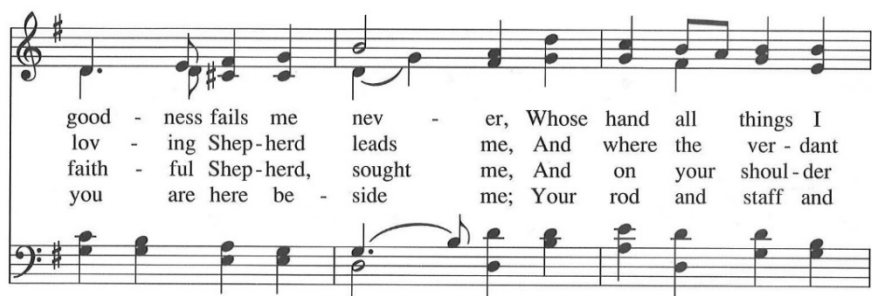
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

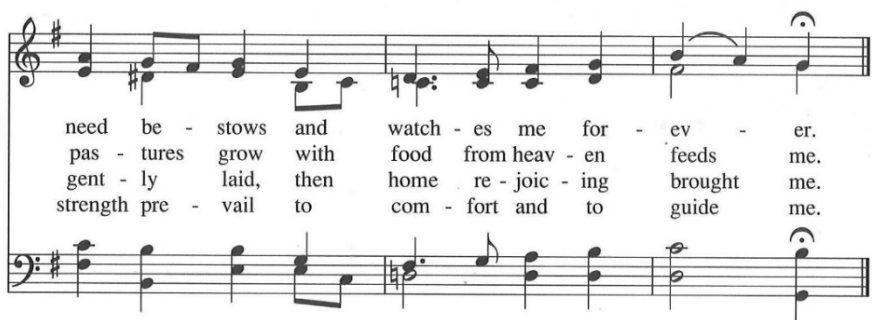
“Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows” (v. 1) NCH 248



1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when



good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
lov - ing Shep - herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
faith - ful Shep - herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and



need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

*Such perfect love my
Shepherd shows,
whose*

*goodness fails me never,
Whose hand all things I*

*need bestows
and watches me forever.*

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



SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

NT Pew Bible p197

(Spanish reading by Anita Hawkins)

SERMON

“Be Of The Same Mind”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“What Wondrous Love”

NC (black) 223

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Craig will come down the center aisle to 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. Today we also collect for the special missions offering of the United Church of Christ, called Neighbors in Need. It supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Offertory Anthem

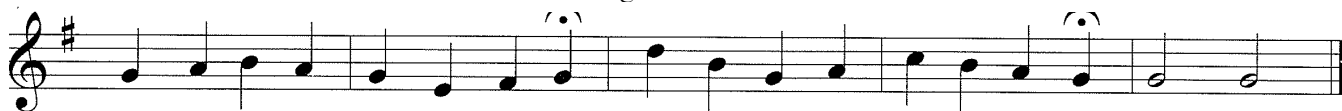
“The Amazing Love”

Don McKeever

*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” (verse 1) NCH 456

Musical notation for the first system of the song. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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

Musical notation for the second system of the song. It continues with the treble and bass staves. A double bar line is followed by the word "Refrain" in italics.

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:

Musical notation for the third system of the song. It concludes the piece with the treble and bass staves.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the power of your Spirit you send us into the world to witness to the grace and love revealed in your Son. But quite often we do not go. You work vindication and justice for the oppressed and call us to do the same. But quite often we serve you with our lips but not with our bodies. You invite all to your table, giving us yourself in gifts of bread and wine, but still we exclude and divide. And so we call on you: forgive our waywardness, heal our selfishness and redeem us from the pit of despair according to your promise. Bring us together with all of your people at your table and open our hearts to journey with them despite the ambiguities and challenges. Though our fellowship with them and in partnership with you, may we be changed for the furtherance of your will. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Good friends:
 God is at work in you!
 God is alive in us!

 God lives — but sin is dead.
 And our sins are forgiven,
 through Christ, our Savior.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership. This morning, we will have communion by Intinction. (Dipping the bread in the wine at a Eucharist so that the communicant receives both together.) Please come up through the center aisle to the front where the deacons will serve you. If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please tell a serving Deacon when you come up.

Invitation

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal
and for all of the ways you nourish us.

Grow in us that we may nourish others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

***HYMN**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

NC (black) 400

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Jim Stevens

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Nancy Parsons

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sarah DeGiovanni, Bob Carberry, Bill Hoffman
Marge Murk, Elaine Sellenberg, Steph Heneghan

HOSPITALITY

Christine Engle



*The tower is lit this week for **Judi Pawlich Socha**:
In loving memory on your birthday,
from Uncle Rich, Aunt Mary and Cousin Rick.*

— — — — —

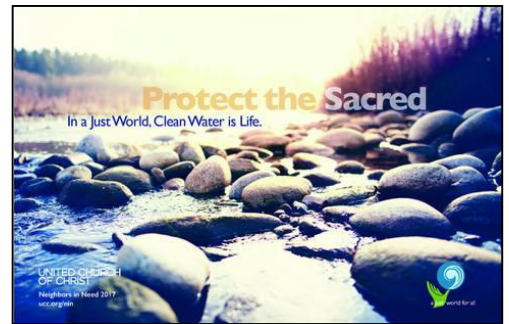
Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship!

***“Protect the Sacred.
In a Just World, Clean Water is Life.”***

The **UCC Neighbors in Need offering** will be collected Today, World Communion Sunday. *Neighbors in Need* is a special missions offering of the United Church of Christ. It supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two thirds are grants awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

We will hold this collection during our worship service.
Brochures and donation envelopes are in the pews.
Thank you for your generosity.

-RHCC Board for Missions



2017 Hurricane Relief

Last Sunday (Sep 24), our congregation assembled 20 CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets during worship. The activity was organized by members of the Board for Missions and Georgette Huie, Minister for Children and Youth. The assembly line and ‘bucket brigade’ was led by our church youth. The buckets, each filled with approximately \$75-worth of cleanup supplies, were delivered to Center Congregational Church in Meriden this week. The buckets will be quickly mobilized by Church World Service to our sisters and brothers in regions affected by the recent hurricanes.



Contributions to our church's "2017 Hurricane Relief" fund have topped \$5,099, and the Board for Missions has allocated an additional \$2,000 of church mission funds (monies already tithed and donated to the church by members and friends). These \$7,000+ in donations will support the disaster ministries of our United Church of Christ, Church World Service (CWS), and Global Ministries in the Southeast U.S. and Puerto Rico, and the other Caribbean islands. These organizations fill gaps in services through the following provisions: cleanup, repair and reconstruction of homes, tools, building materials, community organizing, mental health and spiritual care.

Thank you for your generosity!
-RHCC Board for Missions

Quilt Raffle Tickets -
\$10.00 for a book of ten.
\$1.00 for one -

Roast Beef Dinner
Tickets on sale now:
Dinner: \$12.00 for Adults –
\$5.00 for Children
Children under 4yrs: free.

Help wanted: We will need volunteers for set up for the Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday Oct 28 in the morning, and also people to help with serving and clean-up in the evening. Sign up sheets will be in Chapin Hall.
See Marsha Hoffman with questions.



Silent Auction Seeking Helpers and Emergency Assistant

As the RHCC Country Fair is just around the corner I find I need a few good people the day of the fair to assist the Silent Auction. I am looking for one person that can take over in case my grandsons are born that day...and three others that would Like to help the booth. One that is computer savvy would be preferable among them, as we need to use the charge card thingy...(as you can see I am not that savvy) Any hours between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. that you can help are greatly Appreciated...
Please call Elaine Somes 860-563-4099. Thank you!

*In
Loving
Memory*

Thomas Schreier

A memorial service for long-time church member Thomas Schreier will be held on Saturday, November 4 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 805 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT. A luncheon reception will follow the service in Chapin Hall. All church members and friends of the Schreier family are welcomed to attend.

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 1

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

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Room 25
Chapin Hall



October 2

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

4	Stacy Veley
4	Sandra Mason
7	Irene Moore
7	Devon Gagnon
7	Emily Doten

October 3

7:00pm Hearing Voices
7:00pm **Boards & Committees**

Tuesday

Room 23
Fiorilli

October 4

7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Choir Loft

Rev. Craig will be on vacation
October 3 – 17. Rev Bob Henderson will lead worship on Sundays October 8 and 15. For pastoral concerns during the week, contact the church office to be put in touch with the covering minister.

October 5

9:00am Music Together
5:00pm Music Together
7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Room 22
Room 22
Chapin Hall

October 6

Preschool Closed

Friday

6:00pm Tamil Language School

Rms 22,23,24, 25, 27



Save the Dates!

The Country Fair - Saturday, October 21st 9am-2pm.

Pie-making Workshop – Friday, October 27, 9am

The Roast Beef Dinner and Quilt Raffle - Saturday, October 28, 5:30pm

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, 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 that are not kept in inventory is October 29.

Cards ordered by that date will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 5.

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!

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

805 Old Main Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Church Office: office@rhccucc.org / 860 529-4167

Church Website: rhccucc.org

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

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

Minister for Children and Youth: Georgette L. Huie ghuie@rhccucc.org

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Theresa E. Cleary office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

Child Care Provider: Liz Pulling lrpulling@icloud.com