

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



October 4, 2015 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage 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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always 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.

PRELUDE

"The Church at Rocky Hill"

words Thomas E. French

The Choir

music Ethel Bacon

*Beside the busy village street, where traffic rushes by,
The church of God is standing with its tower toward the sky.
It stands in simple dignity, a monument of faith;
A heritage from those long passed, within the vale of death.*

*Its stately doorways open wide; and as the years go by,
An ever changing membership goes through these portals, high.
And yet, as age gives way to youth, and youth grows into age,
The same undying principles adorn each hist'ry page.*

*Oh, stately house of worship, builded by our fathers' hands!
Our love for her is grounded in the things for which she stands.
And as we serve our stewardship, may God so guide our way,
That those to come may love her more because we serve, this day.*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

We are created for community!

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

We are created for community!

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

We are created for community!

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

We are created for community!

*HYMN

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

New Century (black) 308

*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our God, you have called us to be together in one body to serve you and your children. As we gather for worship today help us to be mindful of the gifts you have given to us in each other. Help us to recognize the gifts in each one that we may become the people you intend us to be. 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.

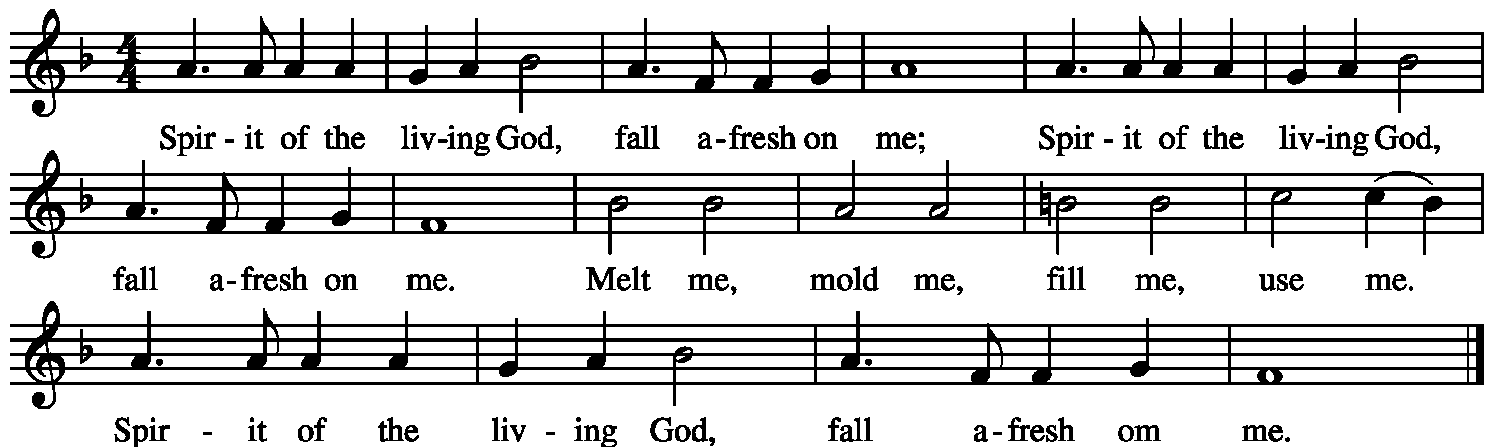
Give us this day our daily bread,

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



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 om me.

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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

SERMON

“The Substance of Things Hoped For”

The Rev. Craig L. Cowing

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor will come to 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 Anthem

“The Table is Long”

words John Webster

The Choir

music Don McKeever

*The table is long, the table is old,
It's laden with riches far greater than gold.
The cup of salvation, the good bread of Life,
Are here for the sharing, with all who have faith.*

*Our Host is Lord Jesus, who bids us to come,
With all the disciples in that upper room,
To break bread together, and drink of His cup,
We sit at His table, and with them we sup.*

*In far distant places, they come to His board,
All races and nations sit here with our Lord,
And share with us all now the love and the feast,
A bridge of compassion, now links West with East.*

*I think as I sit at the table once more,
Of those who came to Jesus, and ate here before,
I think of the presence of loved one and friend,
That great cloud of witnesses, it never will end.*

***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

Recognition of 50 year members

**Thelma Backe	Anne King	Mary Smith
Charlotte Bacon	Gladys Kitchens	Richard Somes
Ruby Bennett	Joseph Kunzelman	Thelma Somes
**Larry Carlson	Janet Kunzelman	Stewart Sprague
Grace Cole	Priscilla Lexa	Sylvia Steucek
Gail Fu	Thomas Matthias	Russell Stickels
Bob Furman	**Elizabeth McKinney	Jean Sudell
Leland Gilbert	Judith McMannon	*Martin Sudell
Linda Grillo	Betty Mooney	Phil Swain
Anne Louise Griswold	*Frederick Moreschi	John Sword
Leona Griswold	*Gloria Moreschi	Midge Sword
Lois Griswold	*Marge Murk	Joan Tennyson

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******Alfred Harlow

Viola Harlow

Midge Harvey

Bobbie Hawkins

Dave Hawkins

Doris Hick

Jean Holmes

Pat Hughes-Walworth

John Hummel

******Dot Hunter

Bill Pierson

Janet Pierson

Doug Robbins

Nancy Robbins

Martin Rowe

Janet Rowley

Joan-Marie Schaefer

Doris Schreier

Tom Schreier

Bob Simmons

Joyce Toft

James Ussery

*****Susan VanNess

Mark Walworth

Anita Watson

Lynn Webster

Dot Wenzel

Babs Wheeler

Alan Wind

*****New 50-year member

******Entered Eternal Life this past year

Joys & Concerns

Sung Call to Prayer

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace." The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

"As We Gather at Your Table"

New Century (black) 332

Prayer of Confession

God-made-flesh,

Bone of our bone,

We confess that we think we can go it alone,

That we try to do it all,

That in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us:

The bone of our bone,

The flesh of our flesh,
The bodies you created,
And the relationships you created us for.

**Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,
Call us to community.
Remind us that in you we are one.
Awake in us a respect for one another,
And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.**

May it be so now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone.
Know now that you are forgiven
and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

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, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words “The bread of life” and “The cup of blessing.” If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.

Invitation

Offertory Music

Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Our God, we thank you for inviting us to Jesus’ table. We pray that this spiritual food may nourish us that we may go out into the world and serve you 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** "Come, We Who Love God's Name" New Century (black) 382

BENEDICTION

LITURGIST

Neal Cox

COMMUNION SERVERS

Nancy Parsons - Lead, Judy Graham - Assistant Lead
Don Pagnucco, Rob Grandell, Marge Murk, Candy Smith

USHERS

Lois and Jim Stevens, Elaine Somes and Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Ruth Jensen and Denise Carberry

**The flowers are in loving memory of Daniel Somes
given by Elaine Somes.**

**The tower is lit this week in recognition of Worlds Alzheimer Day,
September 21, 2015. We honor alzheimer patients, the people that
love and care for them and those who have died of this tragic disease
by Gail and Natalie Tine.**

CALL TO SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

A special congregational meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is called for Sunday, October 4, 2015 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

To receive and act upon a recommendation from the Board of Trustees for expenditure of funds to reroof the church building.

There will be no other business transacted at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha G. Hoffman, Clerk



The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering of the UCC supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States is being collected this morning. Enclosed is some information about its work.



QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS Available TODAY

Following the service, raffle tickets will be available in Chapin Hall. Do not miss the opportunity to be the winner of the **FINAL fair quilt**. Stop by and purchase a ticket (\$2) or a book (10 tickets for \$20) for yourself and take a book to sell to friends or co-workers. Tickets are also available in the church office. The quilt is featured on Facebook or our website.

Shhhhhhhhhhhhh!!!!

THE SILENT AUCTION is coming (10/24) and we want to make it bigger and better this year than it has ever been! To do that, we definitely need everyone's help. The Silent Auction committee (Gail Tine, Linda Grillo, Neal Cox and me – Deb Copes) need donations. If you are uncertain whether a donation is suitable for the auction, please call me (860-257-1099) or feel free to find me on Sunday mornings. We are happy to make donation suggestions or, if you have something in mind already, I am happy to pick items up. Donations of Scrip are always welcome – we get a double benefit when folks donate Scrip! We also need empty baskets and volunteers to help us on Friday evening, 10/23, and the day of the Fair, 10/24. Thanks so much!!



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 sold more than \$21,000 in scrip during September, earning a profit for RHCC of more than \$1400. If you placed an order last week, you may pick up your cards at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning.

Did you know that you can donate to the Rocky Hill Food Pantry through our scrip program? Your cash/check donations are used to buy gift cards to local groceries. These are then donated directly to the Food Pantry, or used to buy needed items. For these donations, we do not retain any profit, so a \$1.00 donation effectively buys about \$1.07 in groceries. You may donate at the scrip table in Chapin Hall.

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, L. L. Bean, 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

2015 COUNTRY FAIR

It takes all of us to have a successful fair and dinner!



OCTOBER 24TH



9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

It takes all of us to have a successful fair and dinner.

Do you want to help out in a booth? Can you donate to a booth?

Farmers Market & Bake Shoppe – Ruth Jensen - Looking for small empty jars or a few filled with jelly or jam. Baked goods.

Sew Country – Nancy Rolfe - looking for material, yarn, crochet kits, etc.

Snack Shack – Jeanne Goff & family- Looking for hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, soda, water, chips

Candy Shoppe – Candy Smith – Looking for fudge of various flavors

Mainly Media – Elaine Somes – videos, cds & cd & dvd players in good condition



Watch your Sunday Bulletins for more to come...

We are putting a **suggestion box** in Chapin Hall all summer. If you have an idea for a booth or want to suggest something you want to see, let us know. You can remain anonymous!



Remember and Pass It On



**COUNTRY FAIR DINNER & QUILT RAFFLE
NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PIE MAKING AND SIGN UP

THANKS FROM YOUR FAIR COMMITTEE

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 4

10:00am **Worship**

11:00am **Congregational Meeting**

4:00pm Tamil School

5:00pm **Middle School Youth**

Sunday

Sanctuary

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Rm 22, 23,24,25, 27

Chapin Hall

October 5

7:00pm **Little Scholars Preschool**

7:00pm Women's AA

7:30PM Bell Choir

Monday

Fiorilli Room

Chapin Hall

Loft

October 6

7:00pm **Boards/Committees**

7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Room 24

October 7

5:30pm Pilates w/Caroline

7:30pm Adult Choir

Wednesday

Chapin Hall

Choir Room

October 8

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Chapin Hall



Oct. 4 Stacy Veley
Sandra Mason
7 Irene Moore
Devin Gagnon
Emily Doten
9 Elaine Vicino
10 Diana Hellyar
Joseph Malespini



Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Friday

9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Help Support

LITTLE SCHOLARS PRESCHOOL

Order Little Caesar's Pizza kits

Different varieties of
pizza, bread, or cookies

Profits support the classroom

Order from the office by Thursday, October 15

Delivery is on Monday October 26 at 11:30am



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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

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