

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**October 8, 2017 ~ 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 center aisle at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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## PRELUDE

“On Wings of Song”  
Dave Hall, cello

Mendelssohn

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Bower

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**All: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

L: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

L: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**All: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

L: With Christians across geography and across time,

**All: Let us worship!**

## \*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

NC (black) 22

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold type denotes collective response**

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy and gracious God,

let us be open to your presence among your people,

those gathered for worship,

and all of your people, throughout your creation.

May we receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly.

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

*Such perfect love my  
Shepherd shows,  
whose*

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

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

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.

*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



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song "We Will Keep a Place For You". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). 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**

“The Call”  
The Choir

David Ashley White

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalms 136: 1-9

OT Pew Bible p.576

**SERMON**

“Love Never Quits”

Rev. Robert Henderson

**\*HYMN**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

NC (black) 485

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, Rev. Henderson 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.*

**Offertory Solo**

“Consolation”  
Dave Hall, cello

Mendelssohn

## \*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)

NCH 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

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**LITURGIST**

Michael Bower

**USHERS**

Bobbie & Dave Hawkins, Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY**

Nancy Harlow



**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. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. All are welcome here.



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



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.



The Icon of the Month for October is an image of St. Paul.

He is depicted holding a sword, the instrument of his death by beheading. He holds a book representing his letters in the New Testament. The original of this icon was painted in Greece around 1450-1500.



# October Happenings

**The Country Fair - Saturday, October 21 from 9am to 2pm.**

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

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

**Quilt Raffle – Tickets available Now!**

Available for sale after worship in Chapin Hall. A book of ten for \$10 or \$1 each. All proceeds will be donated, in cooperation with our Board for Missions, to support school children in Hartford.

***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.*

## **BOOTH CHAIRPERSONS**

Silent Auction:	Elaine Somes & <i>Your Name Here</i>	563-4099
Kid's Corner:	Holly Alessi	680-3163
Holiday Shop:	Lynn McKenna	836-0961
Candy Shop:	Candy Smith	563-4498
Bake Shop:	Don & Polly Pagnucco	563-3233
Farmers Market:	Ruth Jensen	563-4617
Snack Shack:	Jean & John Goff & Jeannie Alessi	529-3652
Tea Room:	Sue Starr & Jenn & Bill Cordes	529-3150 & 257-8056
Antiques:	Hilaire Leavitt	529-3814
White Elephant:	Nancy Harlow	529-4214
Jewelry:	Sue Van Ness & Jen Martin	666-1900 & 897-7623
Sew Country:	Anita Hawkins	529-4167

## Our Country Fair Needs You!



*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. We would love to have you help no matter how long you can stay.*

The next meeting of the Fair and Events Committee will be on October 12 at 7pm.  
All members of the church are welcome to attend.

### Silent Auction Seeking Helpers and Emergency Assistant!

As the RHCC Country Fair is just around the corner and 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, 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!

**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.

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

If you need help or have any questions about your donation,  
call one of the Fair Booth Chair people.







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!



### Flower committee

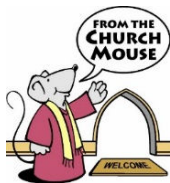
In the coming months, we have many several Sundays available for memorial flowers or to mark a special occasion such as graduation, an anniversary, or special birthday. They need not be a formal flower arrangement but could be flowers from your garden, or a flowering plant. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Chapin Hall if you would like to reserve a date.



### 2017-2018 Confirmation Class Lesson Schedule

Classes and meetings are held with Rev. Craig in the Parlor.

Sun.	Oct 22	5-6PM	Meeting with Parents
Sun.	Oct. 29	5-7 PM	Ch 2 Worship
Sun	Nov. 12	5-7 PM	Ch 4 The Bible
Sun	Nov. 26	5-7 PM	Ch 5 The History of Christianity/UCC
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Dec 10</i>	<i>No class (Lessons and Carols)</i>	



### CHURCH MOUSE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Deadline for articles: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Mailing date: Monday, October 30 (Halloween party with preschool children!)

*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 8

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

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Room 25  
Chapin Hall



### October 9

#### **Holiday – Office & Preschool Closed**

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

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Chapin Hall  
Choir Loft

### October 10

7:00pm Hearing Voices  
7:00pm **Council Meeting**

### Tuesday

Room 23  
Fiorilli

### October 11

9:00am **Breakfast Club**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop  
Choir Loft

### October 12

9:00am Music Together  
7:00pm **FAIR MEETING**  
7:30pm Men's AA

### Thursday

Room 22  
Fiorilli  
Chapin Hall

### October 13

6:00pm Tamil Language School

### Friday

Rms 22,23,24, 25, 27

9 Elaine Vicino  
9 Anne Louise Griswold  
10 Diana Hellyar  
10 Joseph Malespini  
11 Matthew Gagnon  
12 Katie Hoffman-Fulda  
14 Brian Wilcock

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.

*THE CHURCH FAIR IS COMING!*

*DROP OFF DONATIONS MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM-1PM., OR ON SUNDAY.*

*LET A FAIR COMMITTEE MEMBER KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER.*

*COUNTRY FAIR OCTOBER 21*

*9AM-2PM!!*

# 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

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Church Website: [rhccucc.org](http://rhccucc.org)

Visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://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](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 [lrpulling@icloud.com](mailto:lrpulling@icloud.com)