

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 9, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

~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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.

INTROIT

“All Praise to God”
The Choir

Thomas Tallis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Carberry

Leader: People of God, join the crowd; don't let the parade pass you by.

People: Come and worship God!

Leader: Bring you whole selves; leave no part behind.

People: Come and worship God!

Leader: Show the world who you are; witness to the Love that knows no bounds.

People: Come and worship God!

Leader: Join together across differences; rejoice in the many colors of the rainbow.

People: Come worship God!

People: Worship God in the beauty of this holiness; we are the family of God!

ALL: People of God, come! Come and worship God!

*HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

New Century (Black)172

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

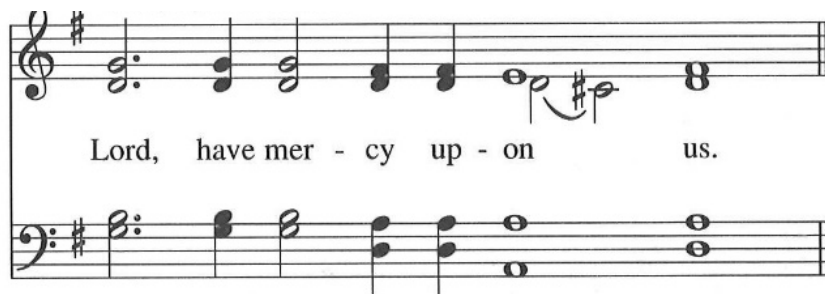
*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O gracious and caring God,
we come to you this new day after a long and trying week,
carrying all sorts of feelings, emotions and expectations
following all the pain of news of politics, wars, shootings and violence.
Now, here in your presence, let your Holy Spirit move us to a
place of recognizing and rejoicing in the abundant
new hope you surround us with.

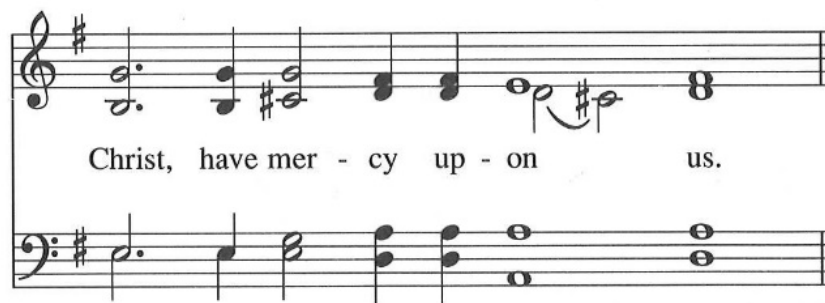
We ask it in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying,
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver 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.



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 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

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
The Choir

Sebastian Temple

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible NT p68

SERMON

“How Are You Doing?”

Rev. Joseph W. Bradley

***HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

New Century (black) 547

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 Solo

“Gentle Like Jesus”
Jillian Maynard, mezzo-soprano

Roger Copeland

*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**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

New Century(black) 546

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Bob Carberry

USHERS

Polly Pagnucco, Sue Monaghan, Wendy Ware, Linda

Thank you to our ushers last Sunday, October 2: Steve Smith, Bill Cordes, Jan LaCava, Denise Carberry

HOSPITALITY

Jean Goff and Jeannie Alessi

Special Thanks to Rev. Joseph Bradley for leading us in worship today

Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship

HOME COMING/HERITAGE SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

We will honor our 50+ year members during next week's Worship. Join us as we celebrate our long time members, and our long history as RHCC! Please feel free to bring photos, mementos, and any historical items related to the church, and place them on the table in Chapin Hall that morning. Thank you.

-Board of Deacons



*Illustration by
Nancy Edwards*

Congregational Meeting



On Sunday, October 30 there will a special meeting of the congregation to ratify updates to our Safe Church Policy as required in the policy. A call to the meeting will be published in accordance with the by-laws.

Missions Clothing Drives

So you have an old t-shirt laying around that you just can't bring yourself to get rid of? Well, bring it to church. The Board for Missions (really Anita) will turn those t-shirts into a drawstring backpack that Missions will provide at the church fair.



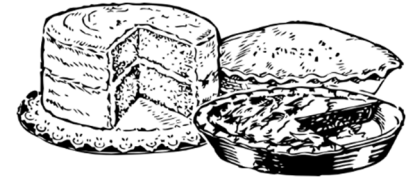
Reminder: as you go through your closet finding those old t-shirts, don't forget we will host a clothing drive in November to benefit Hawkwing. Hawkwing provides essential services and support for the people of the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Indian Reservation, and offers cross-cultural educational programs for the public. On **October 23rd, Rochelle Ripley**, the founder and president of Hawkwing will be here for a second hour program. Rochelle was recently named a CNN Hero and the church was in full support of that honor.

Everyone thought the Rocky Hill Quilters had retired - well, we are back with a quilt for 2017! Thanks to a generous donation by Stephanie Heneghan, we have vintage quilt blocks that will be the focal point of the quilt. These blocks were completed by her Grandmother Brownie. Please contact Kim Batterson Biglow, Stephanie Heneghan or Gail Tine if you would like to join the group. Planning and design sessions will begin on **Wednesday, October 26 at 10:00am** in the quilting room. There will be an opportunity to quilt with the group or in your home.



The Snack Shack at the Country Fair will now be adding egg sandwiches to our menu by popular request. We will still have chili and corn chowder and hot dogs. We do have a request for 12pks of soda (regular and diet), 2 cases of water, and a large box of mixed chips. If someone can do this, please contact Jean Goff at 860-729-8153 Thank you in advance.

The Bake Shop is asking the congregation to make baked goods, especially pies and cakes, which are always in demand. Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please contact Polly or Don Pagnucco.



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.



Do you enjoy decorating for Christmas? Anyone who is interested in decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season, please contact Judy Graham at 860-502-7446. Thank you.

Join us on Wednesday, October 12 at 9am, when RHCC members gather for breakfast at Bob's Coffee Shop, 33 New Britain Ave, Rocky Hill. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Stop in anytime!



Your Events Committee Needs **Your Help!**



The Country Fair is less than a month away
We Need Volunteers to be greeters and to help out in some of the booths
Our Booths also need help with their wish list

Farmers market needs **8 oz canning jars** - Please Contact Ruth Jensen if you can donate.
563-4617

Jewelry Shop needs **jewelry, scarves and purses** - Please contact Bea Donahue if you can
donate. 529-8687

Kid's Corner needs **Toys, Games, Puzzles** in good condition - Please contact Holly Alessi if
you can donate. 680-3163

Bake Shop needs **pies and cakes** - Please contact Don & Polly Pagnuccos if you can bake
something. 563-3233

Snack Shop needs **water and soda** - Please contact Jean or Jeannie Goff if you can donate.
529-3652

White Elephant needs - **Household goods**, CD's, DVD's, Electronic items - all items must be in
good condition and in good working order - Please contact Bob Carberry if you can donate.
563-8311

Antiques & Collectibles - Please contact Hilaire Leavitt if you have **small furniture** or if you are
unsure of what you have to donate. 529-3814

Sew Country needs **fabric, yarn, needlework kits, instruction books, patterns**. Also sewing
and knitting notions - Please contact Anita if you can donate.

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 deadline to place orders for cards not kept in inventory will be on October 30.

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 "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!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 9

10:00am **Worship**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Fellowship**
4:00pm **Tamil School**

October 10

OFFICE CLOSED

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

October 11

6:30pm **Cedar Hollow**
7:00pm **Council**
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

October 12

9:00am **Breakfast Club**
6:00pm **Pilates**
7:30pm **Choir**

October 13

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

October 14

10:00am **RH School Field Trip Visit**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit your articles to: office@rhccucc.org

October 15

Sunday

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary

Tuesday

Chapin Hall
Fiorilli
Room 22

Wednesday

Bob's Coffee shop
Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Thursday

Room 25
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Friday

Sanctuary

Saturday



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

**THE EVENTS COMMITTEE
WILL MEET ON
THURSDAY OCTOBER 13
AT 7PM.**

Rev. Craig Cowing will be out of the office from Sunday, October 9th through Wednesday, October 12. Reverend Joe Bradley will preach on Sunday, October 9th. Contact the office with any pastoral concerns and you'll be directed to a Deacon or covering Minister.

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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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