



# ~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 and large-print bulletins** are available for worship—ask an usher. **Nursery care** is always available down the hall in Room 4.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Meghan D. Young

*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 pastors 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

“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service” arr. Randall Hartsell  
From *The Sacred Harp*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Now is the time, now is the place:

**bidden or unbidden, God is present.**

In word and in song, in prayer and in silence,

**in our inner hearts and in our common heart,**

**God is present.**

However we come to this place on this day --

certain or uncertain, peaceful or anxious,

**we have come here once more as the people of God,**

**for renewal and blessing,**

**for hope and discovery,**

**for hearts awakened and lives made new.**

Let us turn our spirits to God's spirit,

and be at worship now together.

## \*HYMN

“Let Us With a Joyful Mind” New Century (black) 16

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

*\*Bold type denotes collective response.*

**\*GATHERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gail Tine

God of unfailing love,  
we wait within the gift of this new day  
for a new hearing of your word,  
a fresh seeing of your grace.

Where we are confounded or disturbed,  
we pray for guidance that will lead us.

Where we feel far from the center,  
we pray for wisdom that will ground us.

Where we feel uncertain of our discipleship,  
we pray for courage that will strengthen us.

God of unfailing love,  
God of all that is true, just, hopeful and good,  
we turn our lives toward you,  
and pray together as Jesus has taught us:

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**



Bless God, O my soul! All with - in me bless God's name!



Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ev - er be the same!

# 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



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

### "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual

John Hoffman, Soloist

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*And when I am alone, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

## READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 32:1-14  
Philippians 4:4-9

## SERMON

"The One We Feed"

The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

## \*HYMN

"I Would Be True"

New Century (black) 492

## OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the pastor(s) 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

“El Shaddai”

Card/Thompson

## \*Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here



Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.  
Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Joys & Concerns

### Sung Call to Prayer

Musical notation for the first part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -".

Musical notation for the second part of the Sung Call to Prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "cline . your ear to us, and grant us your peace.".

### Pastoral and Silent Prayer

\*HYMN

“O Jesus I Have Promised” New Century (black) 493

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“Kingsfold”

setting by Jason Krug  
Traditional English Hymn

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USHERS

Jim Stevens, Marge Murk, Nancy Parsons, Sue VanNess

GREETERS

Joan Tennyson and Jay Jensen

HOSPITALITY

Ruth and Jay Jensen

LITURGIST

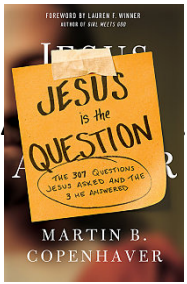
Gail Tine

The tower is lit this week by John Sword, in loving memory  
of shipmates of the U.S.S. Houston CL81, October 14-16, 1944.

## Small Group Ministry at RHCC: Fall Faith Formation Opportunities

*Join a small group to explore and enrich your faith in new ways!*

### OCTOBER:



**Jesus is the Question: The 307 questions Jesus  
asked and the 3 He  
Answered**

*Sunday, October 12, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

*Sunday, October 19, 12 PM - 1 PM*

*Church Parlor*

Contrary to some common assumptions, Jesus is not the ultimate Answer Man, but more like the Great Questioner. In the Gospels Jesus asks many more questions than he answers. Asking questions was central to Jesus' life and teachings. *Jesus is the Question* considers the questions Jesus asks - what they tell us about Jesus and, more importantly, what our responses might say about what it means to follow Jesus. Come with your questions, as we discuss this game-changer of a book by Martin Copenhagen. Copies are available to check-out from the church office.

## S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner

*Serve, Pray, Invite, Receive, Ignite, Tell*

### S.P.I.R.I.T. Faith Nurture Ideas

*(Parents: Pick-Up your child in Chapin Hall)*

*These faith nurture ideas coordinate with the weekly session plans for church school. We hope you will join us in learning, teaching, and growing together!*

#### Here's what we're learning about this week...

**HEROES OF THE BIBLE.** There is Daniel, Jonah, Joshua, Noah, David, Miriam and Moses, Esther, Jesus, Peter and John, Dorcas, Paul, Lydia, and many more. There are those that don't even get a name, men and woman who have great faith, who ask difficult questions, who speak up for justice, and even a child who shares his lunch so 5000 can be fed. They are never perfect people, they make mistakes, they are human, but when it matters they are brave, compassionate, giving, and have great faith. The heroes of the bible are often unexpected, teaching us that the ordinary can be extraordinary, and with God's love all things are possible.

#### **LESSON →**

**Talk About** who your favorite hero in the bible is. What makes them a hero? What are their strengths and what are



their weaknesses? How are you like them? What would they do if they were in today's world?

**Prayer For The Week:** Dear God, thank you for the ordinary and extraordinary heroes in the world. Help us to find them. Help us to be them. Help us to share your heroic love. *Amen.*

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** Nursery Volunteers are needed for Fall. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee ([RHCCchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:RHCCchildcare@gmail.com)) for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

## GROW YOUR FAITH & GET INVOLVED WITH S.P.I.R.I.T.

The RHCC S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School is a place that values intergenerational relationships, growing in faith, and learning throughout our lives to be the disciples Christ calls us to be. You are invited to come join the circle and get involved. For the 2014 church school we are looking for:

- 1) **Youth Group Advisor** – Regularly assists with youth group and coordinating events. Must be college age or older.
- 2) **S.P.I.R.I.T. Teachers** – Teachers commit to no more than 4 Sundays in a row. Teachers provide support and assistance to our children and youth during our chapel times. Programming is provided on days with individual classes break out for faith formation rotations. Training is provided. Ideally we are looking for 8 – 12 teachers willing to rotate throughout the year. Up to 4 teachers slots are available for high school students.
- 3) **S.P.I.R.I.T. Contributors** – Do you have a gift or skill, an ability to cook/bake, a love for crafts, a musical ability, an affinity for story-telling, a love of all things theater, a passion for organizing mission projects? Join us for a one time class or chapel worship, and share you gift.

If you are interested in getting involved the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School, please contact Meghan Young at [Meghan@rhccucc.org](mailto:Meghan@rhccucc.org) to sign-up or to find out more information.

*The office will be closed on Monday, October 13.  
Telephone messages and emails will be monitored.*



**LIGHT THE TOWER  
IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE!**

A spreadsheet is located in Chapin Hall for sign-up to have the tower lit for a week or you may call the church office at 860-529-4167. The suggested donation is \$10 to have the tower lit for the designated week from Sunday through Saturday.

**SCRIP-SURE**

As previously announced, scrip will not be sold today. The scrip table will reopen for business next Sunday following Sunday morning worship.

**THINK SCRIP!**

**FAIR QUILT WINNER**

The quilt was won by Karen Wells from Wethersfield with ticket number 66.

## THIS WEEK AT RHCC

### October 12

10:00am **Worship** Chapin Hall  
11:30am **Children's Choir** Choir Room  
11:30am **Small Group** Fiorilli Room  
1:00pm **Noah's Table**  
4:00pm **Tamil Sangam** Rm 22, 23, 24, 25

### Sunday



### October 13

### Monday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00pm **Women's AA** Chapin Hall  
7:00pm **Bowling**  
7:30pm **Bell Choir** Loft

### October 14

### Tuesday

8:30am **Breakfast Club** Bob's Café  
5:30pm **Mission/Vision** Fiorilli Room  
7:00pm **Organization/  
Governance** Fiorilli Room

Oct.12 Katie Hoffman-  
Fulda  
14 Brian Wilcock  
Peter Graham  
16 Lisa Benson  
17 Lisa Gilbert  
Christina Engel  
Jillian Fulda  
18 Mary Dean

### October 15

### Wednesday

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9:30am **Quilters** Room 6  
7:00pm **Adult Choir**

### October 16

### Thursday

5:30pm **Personnel Committee** Fiorilli Room  
7:30pm **Men's AA** Chapin Hall

### October 16

### Friday

5:30pm **Connecticut Conference Annual Meeting**

### October 16

### Thursday

9:00am **Connecticut Conference Annual Meeting**

**Copies of the  
September 1st  
sermon "Chosen"  
may be picked up  
from the table  
outside of the  
sanctuary.**

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**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 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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