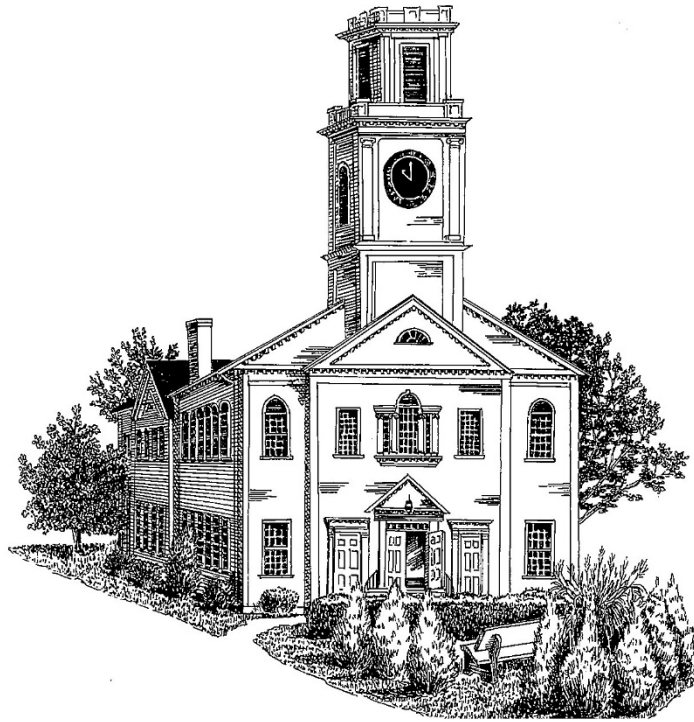


ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



October 15, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



~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

“Allegretto Cantabile”

Flor Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barry Wilcock

L: Gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

All: Today is a day to celebrate God.

L: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

All: Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children.

L: Gather to share God's presence.

All: Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world.

*HYMN

“Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

NC (black) 491

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Bold type denotes collective response

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Living God, at times you seem so distant; help us know you are near.

At times we stray; welcome us home.

Standing in your presence, we know there are other people we could be with; help us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love.

We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

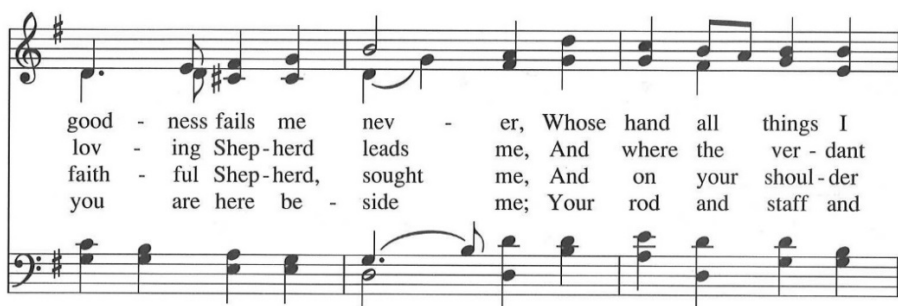
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE "Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows" (v.1) NCH 248



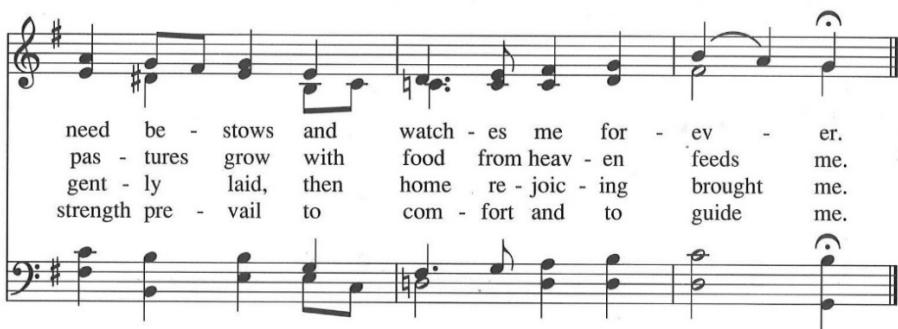
1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

*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 musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. 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

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

The Choir

with Doretta Andonucci and Deb Peterson, handbells; Michael Andonucci, drum

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10: 11-12

NT Pew Bible 21

SERMON

“What do you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

Rev. Robert Henderson

*HYMN

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

NC (black) 441

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the Minister 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 Anthem

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Dave Hall

The Choir, Dave Hall and Bill Hoffman soloists

*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

***HYMN**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

PH (red) 429

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

“Bachiana”

Gordon Young

Special Thanks to Rev. Robert Henderson for leading us in worship today

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

Kim Burghoff, Marge Murk, Christopher Sheehan

HOSPITALITY

Sue Van Ness and Jen Martin

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Gilbert VanNess and Cindy Poltz
by Susan VanNess and Jennifer Martin.

The tower is lit this week in memory of shipmates who lost their lives during the
torpedoing of the U.S.S. Houston CL 81 on 14-16 October 1944.

By John Sword



Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship

[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 and ask to speak with Pastor Craig Cowing or any Deacon. We are an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing Jesus' inclusive embrace of all people. All are welcome here.





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 -
\$10.00 for a book of ten.
\$1.00 for one
All Quilt raffle proceeds will
go to support school children
in Hartford.

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

BOOTH CHAIRPERSONS

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| Silent Auction: | Elaine Somes | 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 |

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.

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.

Accepting donations now through October 20!

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| Farmers' Market | 8oz canning jars |
| Jewelry Shop | Costume or estate jewelry, hats, scarves, purses |
| Kid's Corner | Toys, Games, Puzzles in good condition |
| Bake Shop | Pies, cakes, cookies, brownies |
| Snack Shop | Bottled water and canned soda |
| White Elephant | Household goods, Electronic items |
| Antiques | Vintage furniture and collectables |
| Sew Country | Fabric, yarn, needlework kits, patterns |
| Youth Group | CDs & DVDs |

Items should be clean, in good condition and in good working order.

Please contact a booth chairperson with any questions.

Please label your donation with the booth name.

Thank you!

Spirit One Conference: How Christians and Muslims Flourish Together in These Times

October 27 & 28

First Church has partnered with the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center on a new Farmington Valley Interfaith Initiative Spirit One: How Christians and Muslims Flourish Together in These Times, to be held on Friday evening, Oct. 27, at the Muslim Center and Saturday, Oct. 28, at First Church Farmington. Internationally known speakers from both faiths will key-note the gathering, with workshops on specific topics providing opportunity for conversation and learning among Christians and Muslims. Farm Valley American Muslim Center, 35 Harris Rd, Avon & First Church of Christ, Congregational, 75 Main Street, Farmington.

Contact Shannon Harrison: 860-677-2601

firstchurchfarmington@firstchurch1652.org





Drug Awareness Program

Monday, October 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

at the Rocky Hill Community Center - 761 Old Main St, Rocky Hill

Hosted by Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Elks Lodge #2308

Parents, age-appropriate youth, and members of the community are invited to attend this important FREE educational forum.

This program will be led by a panel of experts

(DMHAS, Hartford Hospital, RHPD, Substance Abuse Counselor, Recovery, Prevention)

For further information please contact: Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio at: 860-257-8177

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks welcomes you to the resource center for the Elks National Drug Awareness Program - the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. We are very proud of our dedicated army of volunteers who freely give their time and talents to this most noble cause. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

Wethersfield Rocky Hill Elks Lodge #2308, 825 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

<http://www.elks.org/dap/>



The Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you to join the conversation about what we as the Church need to know about *Rape Culture and Violence and how do we respond?*

Thursday November 16th, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Spring Glen Church, 1825 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

RSVP to Emily emilym@ctuucc.org or 860-761-7114 by November 7.

Special Guest: Rev. Dr. Sharon Ellis Davis, UCC Pastor, Affiliate Professor at McCormick Theological Seminary Trainer for Faith Trust Institute

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 15

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:15am **Church School**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**
MS Youth Corn Maze

October 16

OFFICE CLOSED

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

October 17

9am-1pm **Fair donation drop off**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

October 18

Fair donation drop off & set up
7:30 Choir

October 19

Fair donation drop off \$ set up
Preschool closed

October 20

9a-Noon OR 4-8pm Bake Sale Drop off
Fair set up
Preschool closed

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Room 25
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Room 23

Wednesday

Choir Loft

Thursday

Friday



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| 15 | Peter Graham |
| 16 | Lisa Benson |
| 17 | Lisa Gilbert |
| 17 | Christina Engel |
| 17 | Jillian Fulda Maynard |
| 18 | Mary Dean |
| 21 | Peter Alessi |

Monday, October 16 – the church office will be closed. The building will be open from 9am-Noon (for preschool) and for FAIR DONATION DROP OFF ONLY.



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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

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

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Webmaster: Dave Hall webmaster@rhccucc.org

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