

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

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**October 20, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 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 downstairs in Room 4.

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Please include your full address, phone number and email 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.





## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Everlasting God, we love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. We love to tell the story,  
because we know it's true, it satisfies our longings as nothing else  
can do. Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father. Thou changest  
not, thy compassions fail not. As thou hast been, thou forever wilt  
be. All we have needed thy hand hath provided. We praise you,  
God, in these words from familiar hymns, grateful they do not  
change, nor do you. As we have every Sunday, we join in the prayer  
your Son taught us, 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 773

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has a melody that starts on a G4, moves to F4, then E4, and has a long note on D4. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second line of musical notation continues the piece. The vocal line features a long, sustained note on D4, which is held over the end of the line. The bass line continues with harmonic accompaniment.

## 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

“God Be In My Head”  
The Choir

David Fawcett

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15 Exodus 33:7-11

### SERMON

“When Plain Was Godly”

Rev. Dr. John Afman

### \*HYMN

“On a Hill Far Away”

NCH 195

### OFFERING OF GIFTS

*Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, they will collect the prayer request cards. For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available so that all may participate in the act of the offering.*

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

# On a Hill Far Away

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, the  
cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.  
old rug - ged cross,

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## \*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 -

The doxology is written for a single staff in treble clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Recognition of Our 50-year Members Heritage Sunday 2019*

*Joys and Concerns*

### Pastoral Prayer

**HYMN**

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

NCH 370

## HERITAGE MEMBERS 50 YEARS & MORE

Kim Batterson Biglow	Joseph Kunzelman	Jean Sudell
Lori Benito	Janet Kunzelman	Martin Sudell
Gladys Carpenter	Jackie Little	Mary Smith
Grace Cole	Thomas Matthias	Stewart Sprague
Nina Decker	Judith McMannon	John Sword
Gail Fu	Irene Moore	Midge Sword
Bob Furman	Frederick Moreschi	Joan Tennyson
Linda Grillo	Gloria Moreschi	Jean Timrud
Anne Louise Griswold	Marge Murk	Joyce Toft
Leona Griswold	Nancy Newton	Sue VanNess
Lois Griswold	Holly Peterson	Pat Hughes-Walworth
Midge Harvey	Janet Pierson	Mark Walworth
Bobbie Hawkins	Bill Pierson	Lynn Webster
Dave Hawkins	Doug Robbins	Dick Webster
John Hummel	Nancy Robbins	Dot Wenzel
Ruth Jensen	Martin Rowe	Babs Wheeler
Gladys Kitchens	Bob Simmons	Susan White
		Alan Wind



*Forever in our Hearts*

Ruby Bennett ~ Leland Gilbert ~ Janet Rowley  
Betty Mooney ~ Phil Swain

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Little Prelude in F”

J.S. Bach

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**GUEST MINISTER**

Rev. Dr. John Afman

**LITURGIST**

Bob Carberry

**USHERS**

Jarod Taylor, Kim Burghoff and Denise Carberry

**GREETER**

Joan Tennyson

**HOSPITALITY**

InReach

*The Tower will be lighted this week in honor of our RHCC Heritage Members*

**HERITAGE RECEPTION AFTER SERVICE**

A special reception for all in attendance will be held after the service in Chapin Hall, where RHCC historical memorabilia will be on display and cake and refreshments will be served. Please join us!





# WELCOME Rev. Nada Sellers!

We welcome the Rev. Nada Sellers as our new transitional pastor, who will be joining us on November 3. Nada is a native of Philadelphia, PA where she graduated from Germantown Friends School, the first of three daughters to parents Jerry and Elaine Sellers. A graduate of Yale University and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, she entered pastoral ministry in the denominations of her family – the Mennonite and Church of the Brethren traditions. On returning to the East Coast in 2002, she has ministered with UCC congregations in North Amherst, Northampton, and Granby, MA as well as in Granby, CT, Glastonbury, CT and First Congregational Church in Branford. More recently Nada served as the part-time Interim Minister at First Congregational Church in Ashfield MA, finishing in August 2018. At present she is completing an interim role as the part-time Transitional Minister of Faith Formation at First Church of Christ Congregational UCC in Hartford (Center Church). In September she completed her 24<sup>th</sup> year of ordained ministry.



Nada also works as a part-time Spiritual Care Coordinator with Masonicare Hospice in Wallingford. When she's not busy with church life or visiting with patients and families, she enjoys gardening, hiking, biking, making music, reading, coaching lacrosse, and spending time with her family. Nada is Mom to daughter, Mika, who has just entered 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts in South Hadley, MA. Mika is an artist, thespian, dancer, animal lover (ask her about chinchillas), and an accomplished Tae Kwon Do athlete.

Many thanks are due our diligent Interim Search Committee: Michael Andonucci, Heather Wolfe-Taylor, Don Pagnucco and Council Representative, Hilaire Leavitt, who prepared a brief church profile, researched and contacted candidates, and carried out interviews. They enthusiastically recommended Nada, and that recommendation was endorsed by Council.

Rev. Sellers will be a “Designated Term Pastor.” As such, she will be with us for three years or possibly longer, serving us as our pastor in a transitional ministry, meaning that she will help us move confidently forward into the future, while also helping us assess our continuing pastoral, program and staffing needs. Designated Term Pastor was one of the additional models for transition periods presented to us by the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. It differs slightly from the traditional “Intentional Interim” process we have used previously, but the differences are slight, and Council felt this to be the right model for us at this time.



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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
- Gas: Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Sunoco
- Pharmacy: CVS, Walgreens
- Fast food: Burger King, Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's.
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Target, Total Wine, Walmart.
- Grocery: ShopRite, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market.

**Today (Oct. 20) is the ordering deadline for cards that are not kept in inventory.** Orders may be turned in at the scrip table in Chapin Hall this morning. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup on Sunday, Oct. 27. After today, the next order will be placed on November 3 (with delivery on Nov. 10). A complete listing of all retailers available through our program 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.

Think SCRIP!

THIS WEEK AT RHCC

October 20

9:30am Heritage Breakfast  
9:30am Childcare  
10:00am Worship  
10:15am Church School  
11:00am Heritage Reception

October 21

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

October 22

10:00am West Hill School Field Trip

October 23

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

October 24

7:30pm Men's AA

October 25

Office closed

October 26

No meetings

Sunday

Fiorilli Room  
Room 4  
Sanctuary  
Rms 24,25,27  
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall  
Fiorilli Room  
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Sanctuary

Wednesday

Choir Room

Thursday

Firehouse

Friday

Saturday




21	Peter (Jay) Alessi
22	Max Kainamura
22	Alexandra Birdsall
23	Rachel Meisterling
23	Joshua Bell
24	John Sword
26	Nancy Harlow
26	Tim Bengston



**Don't miss our  
Roast Beef Dinner!!  
Saturday November 2, 5:30pm.**

Tickets:  
\$12.00 for Adults  
\$5.00 for Children,  
Children under 4yrs old are free.

Newsletter Mailing on Tuesday,  
October 29, 9:30 a.m. in the Fiorilli  
Room. Join us!

Pie Making Workshop  
Friday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.   
in Chapin Hall.

The Facilities Ministry is looking for a Snow Removal Contractor for the upcoming winter.  
If you know anyone who does this, please provide their contact info to  
Dave Sageman or Steve Smith.

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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 – Closed

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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