

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



October 23, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
Twenty-Third 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise waits for you, O God, in all your world!  
**People: You hear our prayers, forgive our sins  
and call us to dwell with you!**

Leader: God of our hope, you are the life of the entire world.  
**People: Your faithfulness calls forth songs of joy  
from the ends of the earth.**

Leader: You formed the mountains and still the roaring sea.  
You calm the uproar of the nations.  
You care for the land, bless it with water,  
and fill it with grain to feed the people.

**People: Let all creation shout and sing for joy.**

**\*HYMN**                      “Standing in the Need of Prayer”                      New Century (black) 519

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.  
Bold type denotes collective response*

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives:  
the beauty and abundance of nature,  
the love of family and friends,  
the joy of knowing you and hearing your word.  
Send Your Spirit during this time of worship  
so that we might dream your dreams  
and see visions of the world as you created it to be.  
Guide our thoughts and actions.  
Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will  
and dwell in your house forever.  
We pray 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

NC 750

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." for the first system, "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." for the second system, and "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." for the third system. The vocal lines are simple, using whole and half notes with a final cadence. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

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



### ANTHEM

“Hear My Prayer”  
The Choir

Moses Hogan

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible NT p81

### SERMON

“O Lord It’s Hard to be Humble”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

### \*HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Pilgrim Hymnal (black) 342

### 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 Anthem

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

from Southern Harmony



## \*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

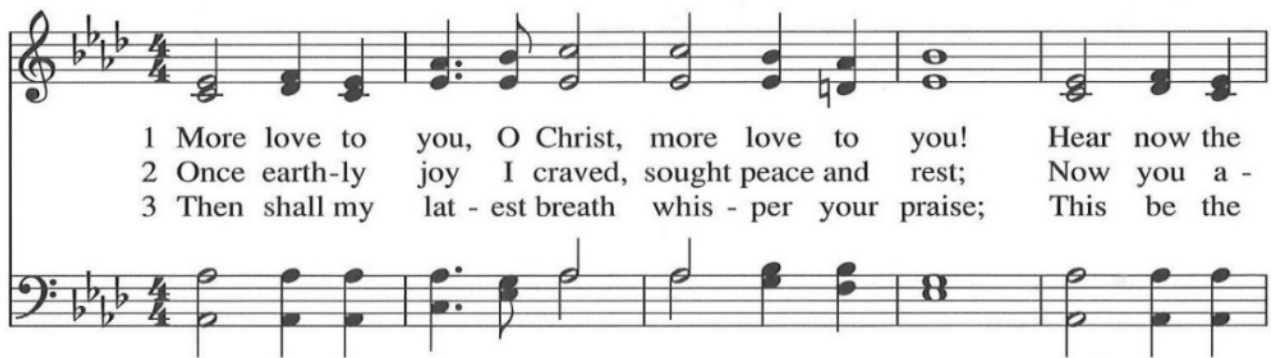
### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### Joys & Concerns

#### Sung Call to Prayer

“More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1)

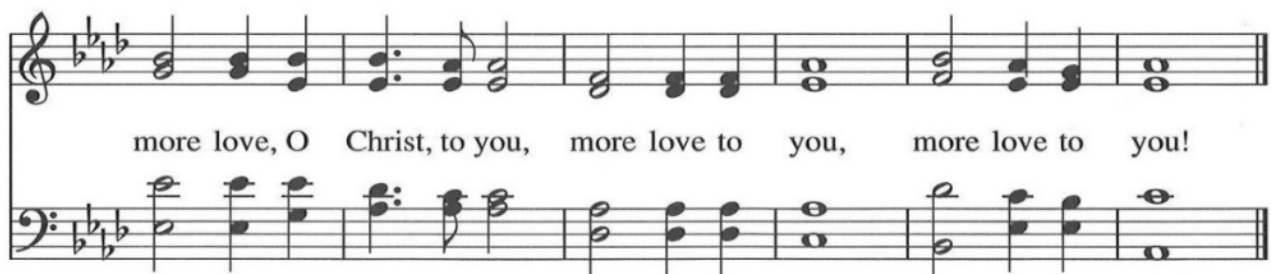
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1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the  
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -  
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



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**

“Lord, Make Me More Holy”

New Century (black) 75

## BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE**

“The Spiritual Sailor”

from The Sacred Harp,  
arr. James Boeringer

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**LITURGIST**

Chris Sheehan

**USHERS**

Denise and Bob Carberry, William Collins, Victoria Bower

**HOSPITALITY**

InReach

*Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship after Worship*

### TODAY

10:00am Worship and Church School

9:30am Childcare in Room 4

11:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour: Rochelle from Hawkwing

7:00pm Confirmation Class meeting

### NEXT WEEK October 30

10:00am Worship and Church School

9:30am Childcare in Rom 4

11:00am Congregational Meeting

## Call for Special Church Meeting

A special church meeting of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church United Church of Christ is called for Sunday October 30 immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the following item of business:

1. Ratifications to the safe church policy.

No other business will be discussed

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Tokarski, Church Clerk



## Second Hour Talk with Rochelle from hawkwing – TODAY



hawkwing began with a promise Rochelle Ripley made to her Lakota grandmother to “go home and help the People.” “Home” is the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Reservation, South Dakota, a land of beauty, wilderness, inspiration and heart wrenching poverty. The Cheyenne River Reservation is the poorest county in the United States, with limited healthcare, a life expectancy of only 48 years, 90% unemployment and an average annual income per person of only \$2,926. hawkwing brings basic need items: food, clothing, medical supplies, personal care items, books and toys to some 2,600 children and 500 Elders on the reservation. hawkwing brings hope, respects culture, supports families, promotes life and keeps promises. For more info, visit: [www.hawkwing.org](http://www.hawkwing.org)

### Missions Clothing Drive

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.

### AFFIRMING FAITH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Rev. Craig will lead a meeting of the confirmands today, Sunday, October 23 at 7pm in the Fiorilli Room.

Confirmation means affirmation of faith. It is a year of intentional faith formation that takes place through learning, discovering, and discerning within our faith community. It is an acknowledgement by both the individual and faith community of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The rite of confirmation is celebrated in worship as a community, both in response to and in anticipation of the work of God in the life of a believer.



## QUILTER MEETING WED OCT 26 10AM

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 October 26 at 10:00am in the quilting room. There will be an opportunity to quilt with the group or in your home.



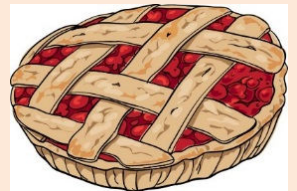
## REMINDER: PIE BAKING WORKSHOP

When- Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Time- 9:00 a.m. to finish

Where- Chapin Hall

Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter. All are welcome



## QUILT RAFFLE & ROAST BEEF DINNER NOV 5

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.**





## A NEW MUSIC MISSION

*Can you feel it? Can you feel God's love at work in your life? Have you noticed God's love at work in*

*the world?* I struggle with this every day and I have a feeling I'm not alone. Those moments where we feel the joy of living and sharing our humanity with each other are often hard to find.

This year, the Music Committee has a goal to give us all an opportunity to feel that joy by sharing God's love with our community through a new Musical Mission. This mission is for all of us. We all possess the ability to feel and express the joy of music. It is part of our humanity and a gift from God.

So I'm going to ask you all to set aside that voice in your head telling you this if for somebody else because I promise you, this is a joy for ALL of us.

*We are putting together a road show and we need members! We need church members and we need their friends! We want to put together a 45-60 minute program of music to perform at nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Rocky Hill and the Hartford area.* Naturally, we need some musicians for this program but we also need people to help create energy! That means people willing to sing in groups (I know everybody sings in the car!), people willing to clap their hands, people willing to reach out and hold hands, people willing to dance, drum and shake a tambourine! It doesn't matter if all you do is sit in a chair next to a quiet resident and tap your foot! We want you!

So now you might be thinking you want to try this out. The next challenge of course is availability and we have a plan. Our goal is to perform music that is familiar to all of us and the residents, in addition to music that individuals might want to perform. That means we might have 5 solo performances with the rest of us in supporting roles like singing, clapping or dancing with residents and 5 group performances of a song like "Lean on Me" where all us can get up and sing. This gives us the flexibility of not needing the same people every time we go out into the community.

So here is the pitch! If you would like to be involved in any way or you have any questions, [please email me at hipgirl64@gmail.com](mailto:hipgirl64@gmail.com). If you are a musician with a particular song in mind, please include that idea so I can start forming a set list!

OK RHCC! Let's do it! Let's put our faith to work and share the joy! Can you feel it?

*-Val Triblets and the Music Committee*

**Sound Healing Meditation with Tibetan Singing Bowls -  
Friday, October 28, 7pm** with Rev. Craig Cowing in the Weil Chapel.

In sound healing meditation, we use the healing vibrations of the singing bowls to uplift the spirit, relax the body and quiet the mind. It has been found that soothing sounds can actually alter the brainwaves that are produced. The sound of singing bowls definitely has that effect. Come and see what it can do for you, and bring a friend!



**HALLOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT OCT. 28, 7:00 PM**

Come join us for an evening of spooky organ music from our guest organist, Bradley Burgess. Selections will include fan favorites Bach's Toccata and Fugue in d minor and the Adams Family! There will be a costume contest during intermission; so, wear your holiday best! South Church, United Church of Christ - East Hartford 1301 Forbes St, East Hartford.

All Souls Day Service on **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm at Rose Hill Memorial Park's Last Supper Monument, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill.



Flower arrangements provided. *Free grave marker light* also provided. Hosted by Rose Hill Funeral Home. For more info call: 860-529-3381.

Working laptops needed. A school in the Philippines has asked for any donations of working laptops. They will be used in a classroom for students becoming future teachers. A friend of mine is from the Philippines, and will send them there for us. If anyone is interested in donating, please see or call Elaine Somes 860-563-4099



*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.*

# All Saints

## Memorial Sunday, November 6

This November we will be trying something new. On Sunday, November 6 we will have Memorial Sunday. On this day, which is the Sunday after All Saints Day, we will remember all those who have gone before us. During the service we will have the opportunity to bring a candle up to the front and light it in memory of a loved one. Candles will also be provided. You might bring a favorite candle holder that reminds you of someone. Be sure to bring your candle to church that day, and we will remember together all the saints who have come before us.



*We recently welcomed two  
new members to our  
church family.*

*Welcome  
Elaine Sellenberg and  
Don-Tomis Leonhardt!  
October 2, 2016*



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! [www.facebook.com/rhccucc](http://www.facebook.com/rhccucc)

# CTUCC

## *This Week*

*What's happening across the  
Connecticut Conference UCC*



## Upcoming Events

### The 2nd Annual Ebony & Ivory Ball

**Oct. 22, 7:30 PM - midnight**  
**224 EcoSpace, Hartford**

This event features a live jazz cabaret, food, libations and dancing. Tickets are \$60/person, and all profits go to the "Uncle E Scholarship Fund" which provides financial assistance to deserving Connecticut young people attending the United Church of Christ biennial General Synod.

### Footsteps of Peace

**Oct. 23, 1:30 pm**  
**Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford**

Footsteps of Peace is an event hosted by the CT Conference Choir and an initiative of the Racial Justice Ministry. This will be a sacred space with Racial Justice Workshops, trainings, worship, and the opportunity to learn more about the CTUCC Racial Justice Ministry has to offer.



### TAWFG Retreat

**Oct. 28, 7:30 pm**  
**Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon**

This retreat is for youth in grades 9-12. The program runs from 7:30 PM on Friday to 11:30 am on Sunday. Gather for a weekend of conversation, worship, music, and exploration of spiritual practices at our beautiful Conference Center in Sharon, CT.

### Fall Action at Silver Lake

**Nov. 4-6, 2016**  
**Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon**  
Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and work hard to prepare YOUR conference center for the coming season. From chopping wood to repairing buildings, moving picnic tables to raking leaves, there's a project for everyone, high schoolers through adult.



### Fall Boundary Training

**Nov. 10, 8:30 AM**  
**Newtown Congregational Church, Newtown**  
Save the date - registration will open in September.

### Fancy Camp Gala

**Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:00 PM**  
**Wallingford Country Club, Wallingford**  
The third annual Fancy Camp Gala fundraiser for Silver Lake Conference Center. **Tickets now on sale!**



### Building an Inclusive Church Training

**Nov. 18 & 19, 3:00 pm**  
**East Woodstock Congregational Church, UCC**

Join the Connecticut Conference Open and Affirming team for this training, designed to empower individuals to coach ministries

through the process of becoming ONA.

### Connecticut ONA Worship Service

**Nov. 18, 7:30 pm**  
**East Woodstock Congregational Church, UCC**

Please join the Connecticut Conference Open and Affirming team for worship, and to celebrate the ministries of those being trained in becoming inclusive churches.

### Confirmation Retreats

**Nov. 18-20; Jan. 20-22; Feb. 3-5; Mar. 10-12**

**Silver Lake Conference Center**

The Conference sponsors four confirmation retreats each program year for youth who may benefit from a retreat experience as they prepare for the rite of Confirmation.



Find a complete list of Conference events at:

[www.ctucc.org/events.php](http://www.ctucc.org/events.php)



# 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 23

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**  
11:00am **Fellowship**  
11:30am **2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Hawkwing**  
4:00pm **Tamil School**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Rm 4  
Rms 24,25,26  
Chapin Hall  
Chapin Hall  
Rms 22,23,25,26,27

### October 24

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

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary

### October 25

7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

### Tuesday

Room 22

### October 26

10:00am **Quilters**  
6:00pm **Pilates**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### Wednesday

Quilting Room  
Chapin Hall  
Choir Loft

### October 27

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

### Thursday

Room 25  
Chapin Hall

### October 28

7:00pm **Sound Healing**  
**Meditation with Tibetan Bowls**

### Friday

Weil Chapel

### October 29

11:00am **Member Private event**

### Saturday

Chapin Hall



23	Rachel Meisterling
23	Joshua Bell
24	John Sword
26	Nancy Harlow
26	Tim Bengston
27	Kathy Mosure
28	Bob Hansen
28	Jean Goff
29	Janet Pierson

The Monday Morning Mailers will gather to prep the November edition of the Church Mouse on Monday, **October 31 at 10:00am.**

Join us as we also celebrate Halloween with the little ghouls and goblins from Little Scholars Preschool! Snacks and treats will be provided.

**Trick or Treat!**





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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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