

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 27, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

PRELUDE “God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” arr. Dale Wood
The Bell Choir

MINISTRY MOMENT Heather and Bill Collins

CALL TO WORSHIP Barry Wilcock

Leader: We worship God in the morning as we greet the day,

People: **At noon time under the high sun,
and at night before sleep.**

Leader: For God gives us the air we breathe,
and is the guardian of death.

People: **He forms flesh and blood in the womb,
stretches our limbs,**

Leader: Is present in sun and storm, and works for our lasting good.

ALL: **Come, Holy One, and help us worship you aright
in this hour.**

***HYMN** “We Have Come at Christ's Own Biding” NCH 182

**please rise in body or in spirit;
Bold denotes unison response*

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy One, we need not summon you into our midst, for we know you are here. We need not call you into our souls, for you are already there. Instead we ask that our eyes will be opened to see how you work, our ears unstopped to hear you speak, our minds sensitized to your truths, and our hearts brave enough to obey your call. May your Son help us to this response, so that this holy time will not be wasted. We pray the prayer he 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

NC 773

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

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a slight rise and fall in each phrase.

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

The second system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are written below the notes. The melody is more melodic, with a long note on 'me.' that is held over into the next measure.

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

“The Amazing Love”
The Choir

Don McKeever

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 102, Job 7:6-10, 10:18-22, Hebrews 11:39-12:5

SERMON

“Everyone Needs a Cheering Section”

Rev. John Afman

*HYMN

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

NCH 237

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.

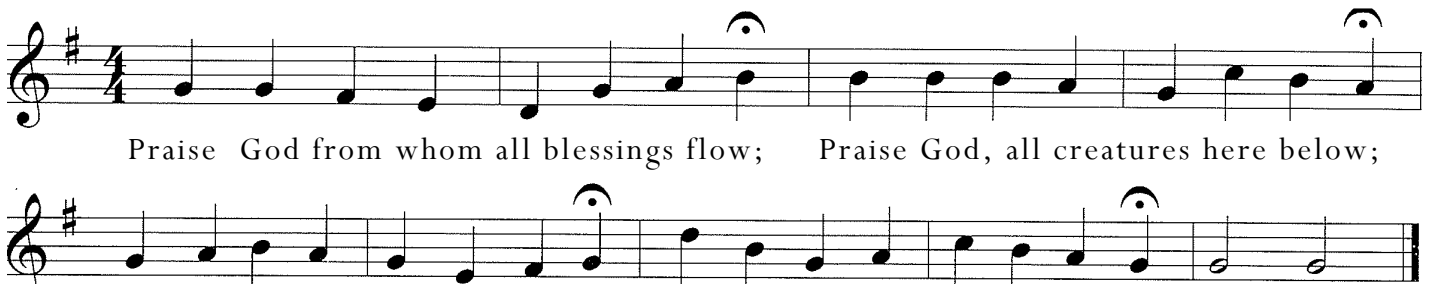
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Solo

“Twenty-four Hour Prayer” Don McKeever

Liz Reed-Swale, soprano

*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



Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

“For All the Saints”

NCH 299

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Dr. John Afman

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

Deb Copes, Steve Smith and Chris Sheridan

GREETER

Joan Tennyson

HOSPITALITY

InReach

Today's altar flowers are given; and the Tower is lighted

in Loving Memory of of Jim McNally

by Lisa, Jackson and Maya McNally

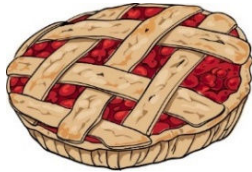
*Loving
Memory*

*We very grateful to Rev. Dr. John Afman for leading us in worship
for the past three months. All are invited to join us for cake and
coffee after the service to thank him and wish him the best!*



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

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



Pie Making Workshop
Friday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.
in Chapin Hall.
It's time to bake apple pies!
Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter. All are welcome!

Memorial Sunday, November 3

On 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.



Ushers wanted: If you'd like to help out with ushering during worship, see the sign-up sheet in Chapin Hall during coffee hour, or contact Michael Andonucci. Thanks.

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 at:
dsageman@snet.net or steve.smith@smopes.net.

Thank you.



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 24th 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 7th 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.

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.

The next order for physical cards not stocked in inventory will be placed on **November 3 (with delivery on November 10)**. E-cards may be ordered anytime. 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 27

9:30am Childcare
10:00am Worship
10:15am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour

Sunday

Room 4
Sanctuary
Rms 24,25,27
Chapin Hall

October 28

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

Monday

Fiorilli Room
Choir Loft

October 29

9:30am NEWSLETTER MAILING
10:00am Stevens School Field Trip
7:00pm Pledge Ministry

Tuesday

Fiorilli Room
Sanctuary
Fiorilli Room

October 30

10:30am Little Scholars Halloween Party Chapin Hall
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday

Choir Room

October 31

7:30pm Men's AA

Thursday

Firehouse

November 1

9:00am Pie Making Workshop
Office closed

Friday

Chapin Hall

November 2

5:30pm Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday

Chapin Hall

27	Michael Andonucci
28	Jean Goff
29	Janet Pierson
30	James Pickett
31	Nancy Rolfe
01	Neal Cox
01	Bill Pierson
01	Kristin Rutigliano
02	Kathleen Bergamo

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



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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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