

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**October 28, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

~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 downstairs 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 aisles at the time of the offering, when the cards will be collected.*

MINISTRY MOMENT

INTROIT “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
The Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Barry Wilcock

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills---from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “My Hope is Built” NCH 403

Bold type denotes collective response

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love,
O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and in
us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us,
and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us,
and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and
shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers,
the spoken and the unspoken; and make Your
Word come true in our flesh.**

**Together we pray now the prayer that Jesus gave to
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 trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. 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**

“Shepherd Lead Me”

NCH775

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: "Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness, make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God, you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,

make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,

you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Georgette Huie

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

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

The Choir

Deo Gracias, setting by Carl Schalk

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes

Pew Bible NT p618

SERMON

“The times of loss and endings”

Rev. Bob Henderson

*HYMN

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

N476

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Following the receiving of offerings by the ushers, the minister will come down 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.

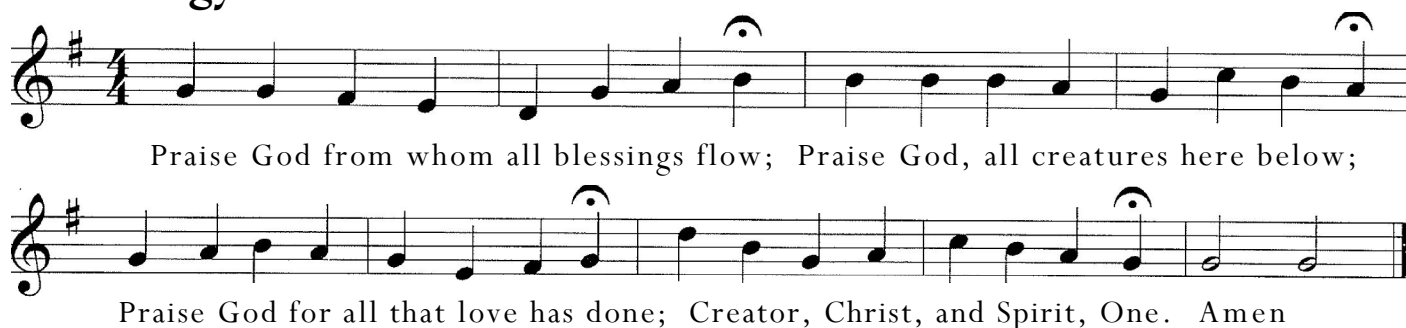
Offertory Solo

“Be Thou My Vision”

Dave Hall, cello

arr., Percy Hall

*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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

NCH774



And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

*HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

NCH 42

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST MINISTER

Rev. Bob Henderson

LITURGIST

Barry Wilcock

USHERS

Dave Sageman, Wendy Ware, Anita Hawkins

HOSPITALITY

Sue VanNess and Jen Martin



*Today's Altar Flowers are given In loving memory of Jim McNally
By Lisa, Jackson & Maya McNally*

*The Tower is lit this week in loving memory George Dauphinais by Gail
and Natalie Tine*

Join us in Chapin Hall for Coffee Hour, full of food, fellowship and fun!



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.



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to Rev. Bob Henderson for leading us in worship today. Bob is an ordained Minister in the UCC and has preached for us many times over the past 35 years. He is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Glastonbury. Email:

Rob444@Cox.net.

*Don't miss our Roast Beef Dinner!!
Saturday November 3rd 2018 at 5:30pm.*

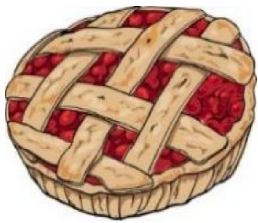
Roast Beef Dinner

Tickets on sale now:

Dinner: \$12.00 for Adults –

\$5.00 for Children

Children under 4yrs: free.



PIE BAKING WORKSHOP

It's time to bake apple pies!

When- Friday, November 2

Time: 9:00 a.m. to finish

Where: Chapin Hall

Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter.

All are welcome!



The Mailing date will be Wednesday, **October 31st**, to coincide with the Little Scholars Preschool Halloween Parade! Costumes encouraged.

Save the Date for:

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.



Held in the Sanctuary of Rocky Hill Congregational Church with full choir, pipe organist, and instrumentalists. A unique and moving experience! Reception follows the service. All are welcome to attend.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

For many generations the Griswold Family have been a part of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church. Anne Louise Griswold is the current representative of the family's involvement. Anne was baptized and confirmed here and a proud member for 50+ years.

You may have noticed Anne Louise and Henry (or Eric as he is known to some) sitting in pew #18 every Sunday. That pew was purchased by her great-grandfather several greats ago, Albert Griswold, when churches often sold pews to families.

Over the years she has sung in the choir, served on the Mission and Trustee Boards, volunteered in the office on occasion and helped collect monies to build the first addition. She has helped with the church fair and remembers one year packing fresh horseradish into jars to sell. She said that really clears your head. She taught Sunday School up in the balcony and remembers some of the children could be a little unruly. Some of her early memories are of her own membership in the Youth Fellowship meetings in Chapin Hall.

Anne Louise grew up on Sunnycrest Farm on Parsonage Street where she helped on the farm and drove a milk truck when she was older. The Church was more than Sunday mornings growing up. Family celebrations such as birthdays were held in the Church Hall. During World War II the Church provided the tower to spotters searching for enemy planes. On occasion Anne Louise as a Girl Scout would accompany her mother on that duty.

Over the years Anne Louise has certainly contributed her Time, Talent and Treasure. When asked why she gave she said "It's what you do as a member to keep the Church the Church".



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: Boston Market, Chipotle, McDonalds, Panera, Subway, Wendy's
- Restaurants: Bonefish Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster
- Shopping: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohl's, iTunes, L.L. Bean, Lowes, Michaels, Payless Shoes, Target, Walmart
- Grocery: Big Y, Stop & Shop, Trader Joe's, WholeFoods, Westside Market

Today (October 28) 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, November 4. After today, the next order will be placed in two weeks, on November 18 (with delivery on Nov. 25). 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. 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 28

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

October 29

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

October 30

7:00pm **Worship Ministry**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

October 31

9:30am **NEWSLETTER MAILING**
9:00am Little Scholars Party
7:00pm **L&C Rehearsal**
7:00pm **Choir**

November 1

All Souls/Saints Day

10:00am Music Together
7:00pm **Fair Meeting**
7:30pm Men's AA

November 2

9:00am **PIE BAKING WORKSHOP**
Please bring your favorite paring knife or pastry cutter. All are welcome!
9:30am Music Together

November 3

5:30pm **ROAST BEEF DINNER!!**

Tickets on sale today after

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Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 24
Chapin Hall

Monday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Fiorilli
Room 6

Wednesday

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Choir Loft
Choir Loft

Thursday

Room 6
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Friday

Chapin Hall



28	Bob Hansen
28	Jean Goff
29	Janet Pierson
30	James Pickett
31	Nancy Rolfe

THE MAILING DATE
FOR THE NOVEMBER
CHURCH MOUSE WILL
BE WEDNESDAY OCT 31,
WHEN THE PRESCHOOL
KIDS WILL HAVE A
COSTUME PARADE. JOIN
THE FUN!



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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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