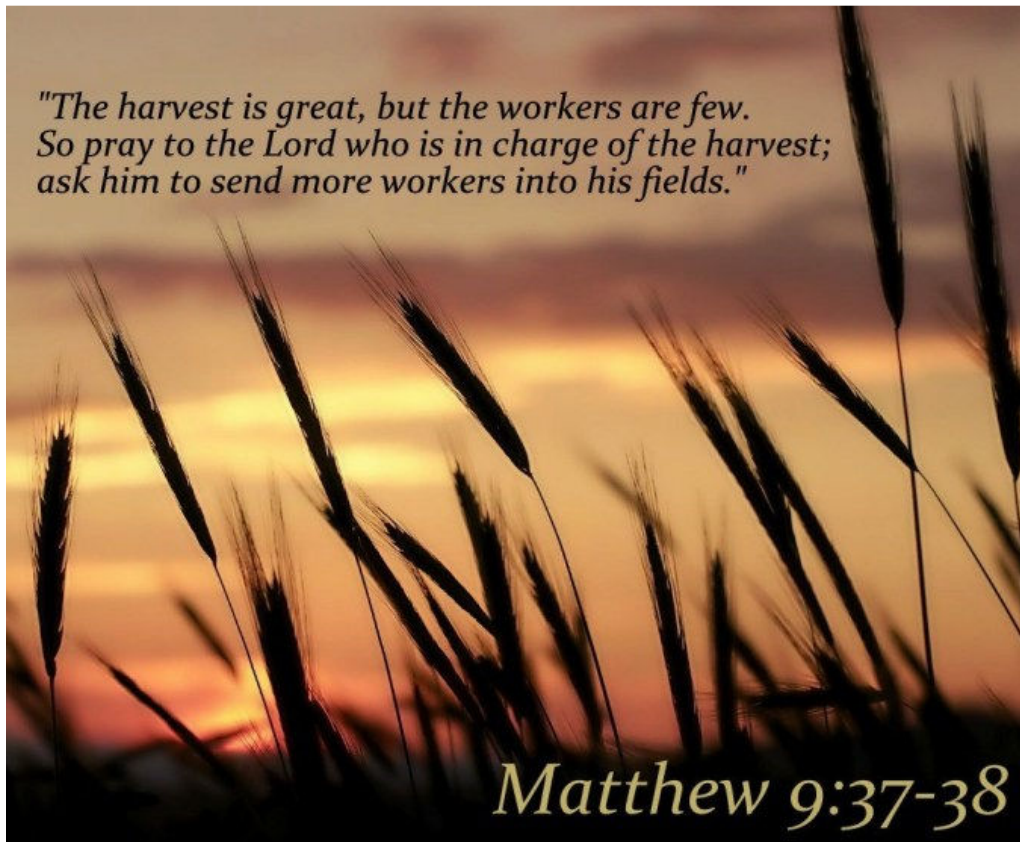


**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**November 3, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Memorial Sunday
Communion**

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 down the hall 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~

INTROIT

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

Anon., Argentina

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryl Hummel

One: In a busy season of changing light and cooling temperatures...

People: We see God’s beauty everywhere!

One: In the midst of the harvest, when the work is hard and plenty is gathered in..

People: We see God’s goodness everywhere!

One: As we tend to the earth and look toward its time of rest and renewal...

People: We are drawn to the wisdom of God’s designs!

ALL: Together, we give thanks for God’s wonders everywhere!

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

***HYMN**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

NCH 12

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy and loving God, in the glory of this time of year, when fields and hillsides broadcast the astonishing colors of glowing leaves and burnished grasses, we are gathered into worship. We seek to worship you with our whole person – heart and mind, body and soul. Inspire us and convince us to cultivate open hearts. Help us to hear the good news of the kin-dom and to respond by doing something about it!

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us how 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

“Be Still and Know that I am God”

NC 743

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line, ending with a double bar line.

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.

At this time, we will have the lighting of the candles for **Memorial Sunday**. Please bring your candle forward and place it on the table. If you do not have a candle, one will be provided for you.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 1:5-12 & Matthew 9:35-38

SERMON

“The Great Harvest”

Rev. Nada Sellers

HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

NCH 425

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 Anthem

“Ave Verum”
Choir

Mozart

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This church practices open Communion; all are welcome to participate, regardless of church membership or denominational affiliation.

Prayer of Confession

One: We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to God.

All: Eternal God, whose word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new, more fulfilling lives, along with the freedom to live by your grace. Yet sometimes sin clouds our vision and distorts our reality. The wrongs that we do and the good that we leave undone separate us from you and from other important relationships in our lives. God of mercy, forgive us. Reconcile us to yourself and to all people. Strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

One: Scripture tells us, God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn us, but to make us whole.

ALL: We desire that gracious healing. Grace has brought us here today, and grace will see us through.

Invitation

Recalling the Story & Pastoral Prayer

Joys & Concerns

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

This morning, the congregation will be seated for Communion; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be brought to each pew. Please wait until all have been served so that we may take the elements together. As you pass the trays to your neighbor, you may use the words “The bread of life” and “The cup of blessing.” If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, please raise your hand so that a Deacon may serve you.



Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Harvest-Giving God, we have come to your table like laborers in the fields at harvest-time, eager to receive your bounty and to share in the gifts you provide. We also come carrying the lessons of life in our hearts, some learned the hard way, hungry for truth that does not wear out, and for love that does not give up. Thank you for meeting us here and for feeding our souls. Now empower us to follow you as we move out into a world longing for your peace. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Now let us share among us a sign of God's peace.

You are invited to share a sign of the reconciling peace of Christ with those around you with a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture.

***HYMN**

“O God in Whom Life Begins”

NCH 401

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Bachiana”

Gordon Young

LITURGIST

Cheryl Hummel

USHERS

Marge Murk, Steve Smith and Deb Copes

GREETER

Joan Tennyson

COMMUNION SERVERS

Bob Carberry, Sarah DeGiovanni, Wendy Ware

Paul Burnham, Deb Copes

HOSPITALITY

InReach

Today's Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of
Wes and Ginny Reed, by Liz Reed-Swale

The Tower is lighted this week in Loving Memory of
George Dauphinais, by Gail and Natalie Tine



Join us for Coffee, Food and Fellowship in Chapin Hall after Worship. Come and meet our new transitional pastor, Rev. Nada Sellers!





*In Loving Memory of those who are forever present in our hearts
2018-2019*

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| Russell Stickels | 1-2-18 |
| Maurice W. Wyman Sr. | <i>December 3, 2018</i> |
| Mary Louise Griswold VanScoyk, | June 21, 2018 |
| Janet Evelyn Rowley, | January 6, 2019 |
| Elizabeth E. “Betty” Mooney | January 22, 2019 |
| Philip B. Swain, Jr., | January 26, 2019 |
| Doris (Gianninoto) Brown, | March 31, 2019 |
| Diana L. Smith Gengenbach | April 7, 2019 |

A NOTE FROM OUR COUNCIL

As we move into the month of November our church year is in full swing. The Country Fair is behind us for another year and the Roast Beef dinner as well. The annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th at St. James campus of St. Josephine Bakita Parish. Rehearsals have begun for another service of Lessons and Carols. **Most importantly we sit on the edge of a new pastorate with Rev. Nada Sellers coming to minister among us and with us!** We also have exciting news regarding childcare for worship, something we have been working on for many months. More information coming soon.

My comment to several over the past weeks has been that hopefully things are falling into place. On the surface that comment appears accurate but as I think more deeply over the work efforts of many these past months it is the hand of God guiding use in the direction that we should follow. Sometimes, it takes a while for eyes to be opened and things to become clear. It is may hope for the entire congregation that we are embarking on a new journey that will be fruitful and blessed. ~Marsha Hoffman, Moderator



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 (Nov. 3) 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, Nov. 10. After today, the next order will be placed on November 17 (with delivery on Nov. 24). 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

November 3

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:15am Church School
11:00am Coffee Hour
4:00pm Piano Recital

November 4

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

November 5 - VOTE

Preschool closed – office open

7:00pm Worship
7:30pm Facilities

November 6

7:00 pm Lessons & Carols rehearsal
7:30pm Choir

November 7

7:30pm Men's AA

Sunday

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Parlor
Fiorilli

Wednesday

Choir Room
Choir Room

Thursday

Chapin Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 05 | Meghan Wilcock |
| 06 | Tom Matthias |
| 06 | Mary DeLibero |
| 07 | Michael McKenna |
| 08 | Rob Grandell |
| 09 | Lisa Taylor |
| 09 | Jennifer Martin |



GRATEFUL GIVING

Veteran's Home Secret Santa – all month
Helping Hand Fund – all month
Food Bank – all month
Turkey & a \$30 – Nov 24

Please join us for REBOOT SUNDAY!! November 17



Today we welcome Rev. Nada Sellers as she begins her transitional pastorate with us, and in just two weeks on Sunday, November 17, - we will have a formal celebration of welcome and renewal. Following worship, everyone is invited to join in a lunch of chili with all the "fixin's".

All are invited. All are welcome. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey - you are welcome HERE.

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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

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