

# ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community*



**November 6, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Memorial Sunday**

# ~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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## INTROIT

“Santo, Santo, Santo”  
The Choir

Anon., Argentina

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:  
**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
L: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever  
**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
L: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works  
**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
L: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever  
**All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

## \*HYMN

“For All the Saints” New Century

(Black) 299

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold type denotes collective response***

## \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, you have promised to be with us,  
and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us  
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.  
We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.  
O God, you are with us this morning.  
Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives.  
Come and fill these desires of our hearts. We pray this in Jesus' name,  
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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

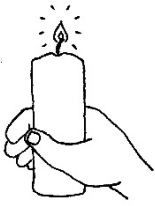
The first musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, and ending on G5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F#3, and G2-B2-D3.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second musical system is identical in notation to the first, with the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third musical system is identical in notation to the first two, with the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.



*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.*

## 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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Pew Bible NT p878

**SERMON** "All the Saints—Past, Present, and Future"

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

**\*HYMN** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

New Century (black) 295

## 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**

"One Bread, One Body"  
The Choir

John Foley

## \*Doxology



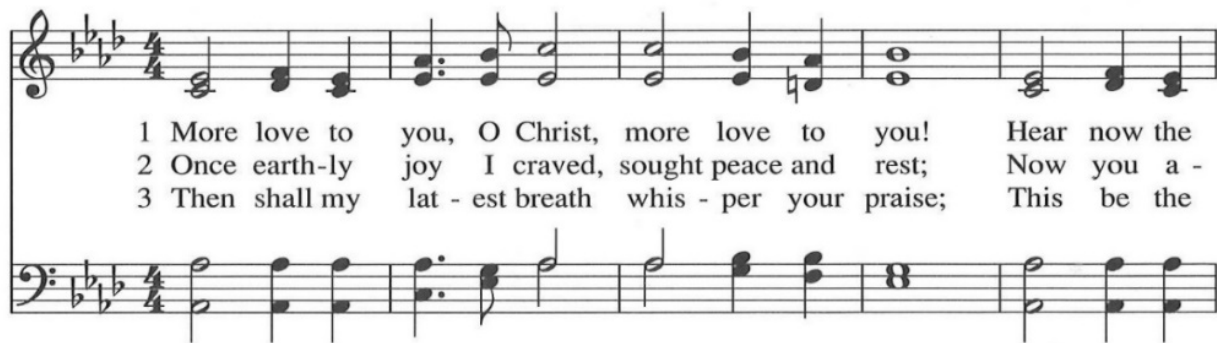
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### Joys & Concerns

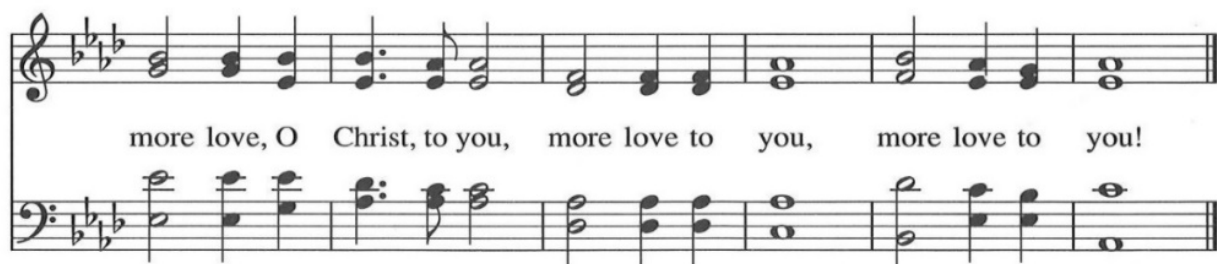
#### Sung Call to Prayer “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1) NC 456



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



*Refrain*  
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

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, we long to rest in you,  
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,  
in your abundant life.

But we don't know how to rest

And we have forgotten how to trust:

We seek material goods that we don't really need.

We befriend people not always out of love.

We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus,  
questions that try only to prove our point,  
not to grow in understanding of your desires for us.

Slow us down, our God. Attend to us, and show us that you are our  
salvation and our resting place.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

Leader: God is God of the living.

God will make a place for you

that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice.

Your belonging to God is your salvation.

You may rest in that truth.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*This church practices open Communion. All are welcome to participate, including children, and regardless of denominational affiliation or church membership.*

*This morning, the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive Communion by intinction; the elements (bread and non-alcoholic grape juice) will be taken together. Take a piece of the "Bread of life" and dip it in the "Cup of blessing". A Communion station with gluten-free bread will be available. Individuals who are unable to come forward can raise their hand and a Deacon will come serve you.*

### **Invitation**

### **Recalling the Story: The Words of Institution**

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Our God, you are gracious and generous to us. You have filled us with good things. We thank you that you have fed us at this table, and now we go out into the world to bring the nourishment of your Holy Spirit to all. In Jesus' name we pray. 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  
(a handshake, an embrace, or a non-contact gesture).*

**\*HYMN** "Renew Your Church" New Century (black) 311

## BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE** "Prelude in F" J.S. Bach

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**LITURGIST** Nancy Parsons

**COMMUNION SERVERS** Bob Carberry, Victoria Bower, Bob Inderbitzen,  
Chris Sheehan, Bill Hoffman and Katie Hoffman-Fulda

**USHERS** Gladys Carpenter, Lois Griswold, John Sword, and Wendy Ware

**HOSPITALITY** Lynn McKenna



Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
by Tom and Nancy Rolfe

*The altar flowers given last week, were given in memory and recognition of our Mother and  
Grandmother, Marvie Midkiff Baize, and all that have bravely and gracefully faced  
Alzheimer's. Gail & Natalie Tine*



## TODAY

10:00am Worship/Communion

9:30am Child Care during Worship

10:00am Church School

11:20am L&C choir children

11:40am L&C choir adult

5:00pm HS Youth Cookie Baking

*On this day, 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.*

# All Saints



## **Consecration Sunday Is Coming**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

On Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> we will receive a special message from Pastor Craig, offer our pledge cards, and then celebrate together with a lunch after our time of worship. There will be announcements in church in the coming weeks to remind you and to take your reservations for the lunch. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the Consecration Sunday events.

Sincerely, The Stewardship Committee





## ICON OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER

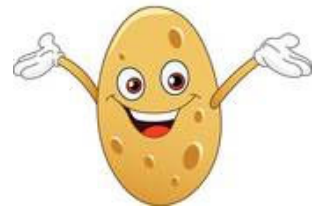
Visit anytime for prayer and contemplation in the Weil Chapel. The Icon of the Month for November is All Saints. The original of this icon was painted in Greece or Crete around 1500. It depicts Christ enthroned, surrounded by saints and angels. Below are the figures of Abraham (the Bosom of Abraham, to the left) with the souls of the righteous, and Jacob (to the right) with figures representing his twelve sons who headed the tribes of Israel. At the center bottom is St. Dismas, remembered as the crucified thief who asked Jesus to remember him in his glory.



### **It's ba-a-ack: The Baked Potato Fundraiser!**

Sunday, November 20 after worship  
\$5 per potato  
freshly baked with all the fixings

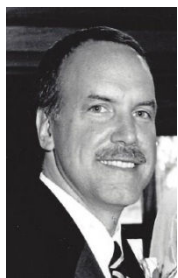
Proceeds to benefit the High School Youth Group  
mission trip to repair homes in Louisiana in  
July 2017



## MISSIONS

In honor of Native American Heritage Month and November 15<sup>th</sup>, national "Make a Difference – America Recycles Day", Missions is holding a clothing drive to benefit Hawkwing.

We are having a FUNDrive in partnership with Savers, a thrift store that will BUY our donated items. Items must be in in good, clean and sellable condition. Clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, books, toys, kitchen items, sporting goods and more will be accepted. What do you have to do? Bring your items to church any time on or before November 20th. We want this to be a community wide fundraiser so please do share with everyone you know and the Board for Missions will do our part to get the word out. You can call or email Kari at 860-803-4852 or [kariblaise@hotmail.com](mailto:kariblaise@hotmail.com) with any questions or concerns. Thank you!



RHCC member James "Jim" Lawrence McNally, Jr. passed away peacefully at home in the arms of his loving wife after a courageous battle with cancer on October 27, 2016. Jim is survived by his wife Lisa, and his four children, Nicholas and wife Andrea, Jillian, Jackson, and Maya McNally.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to:

The McNally Education Fund for Jackson and Maya McNally, c/o Liberty Bank, 534 Main St, Cromwell, CT 06416.

Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Head & Neck Oncology Program, Dr. Jochen Lorch, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Cards of Sympathy can be sent to: Lisa Libera McNally, 26 Glenwood Terrace, Cromwell, CT 06416.

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm  
Rocky Hill Congregational Church***

Join us in worship at the annual Rocky Hill Thanksgiving Service, as we give thanks and praise to God with our brothers and sisters of the various Christian faith communities in town. Raise up your voice with an ecumenical choir that will lead us in song. Refreshments will be served following worship.



Save the Date for our:

***A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols***  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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





## 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*

# 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 next Sunday, November 13. 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

### November 6

10:00am **Worship**  
9:30am **Childcare**  
10:00am **Church School**  
11:00am **Fellowship**  
11:20am **Lessons & Carols Rehearsals**  
4:00pm **Tamil School**  
5:00pm **High School Youth**

### November 7

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

### November 8

**OFFICE CLOSED- ELECTION DAY**

7:00pm **Council**  
7:00pm **Hearing Voices**

### November 9

9:00am **Breakfast Club**  
6:00pm **Pilates**  
7:00pm **L&C Choir**  
7:30pm **Choir**

### November 10

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

### November 11

**Veteran's Day**  
*Little Scholars Preschool closed*  
9-Noon **Office open**

### Sunday

Sanctuary  
Room 4  
Rms 24,25,26  
Chapin Hall

### Monday

Chapin Hall  
Sanctuary

### Tuesday

Fiorilli  
Room 22

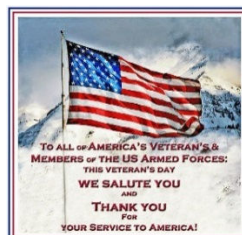
### Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop  
Chapin Hall  
Choir Loft  
Choir Loft

### Thursday

Room 25  
Chapin Hall

### Friday



06	Tom Matthias
06	Mary DeLibero
07	Michael McKenna
08	Rob Grandell
08	Alyssa Somes Kellogg
09	Lisa Taylor
09	Jennifer Martin
10	Jon Morgan
11	Dale Rowland
12	Diana Belliveau

Consecration Sunday  
November 13  
Please plan to attend  
Worship and the Celebration  
Luncheon.  
To make a reservation for the  
luncheon, please call Barry  
Wilcock at (860) 563-9865.  
Thank you.

THANK YOU, VETERANS



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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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