

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**November 11, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

"3 Great Loves:

~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

PRELUDE

Jared Maynard, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thomas Kainamura

L: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

All: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

L: Come with joyful expectation.

All: We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

L: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

All: That we may encourage and support each other

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and to be God's instruments of grace.

***Bold type** denotes collective response*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

In you, O God, we find refuge from our turbulent world.

**We work each day to bear witness to your justice
through our ministries.**

**While the journey towards true peace that lies ahead is long,
our incremental steps continue to take us closer to
that promised day.**

**Renew in us the strength, faith, and courage we need
to persevere so that the promised day will come
when your will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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**

“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, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. 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. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass part.

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

“What Shall We Render”
The Bell Choir

Karen Thompson

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

Pew Bible NT p. 50

SERMON

“Wars and Rumors of Wars”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

*HYMN

“This Is My Song”

NCH 591

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

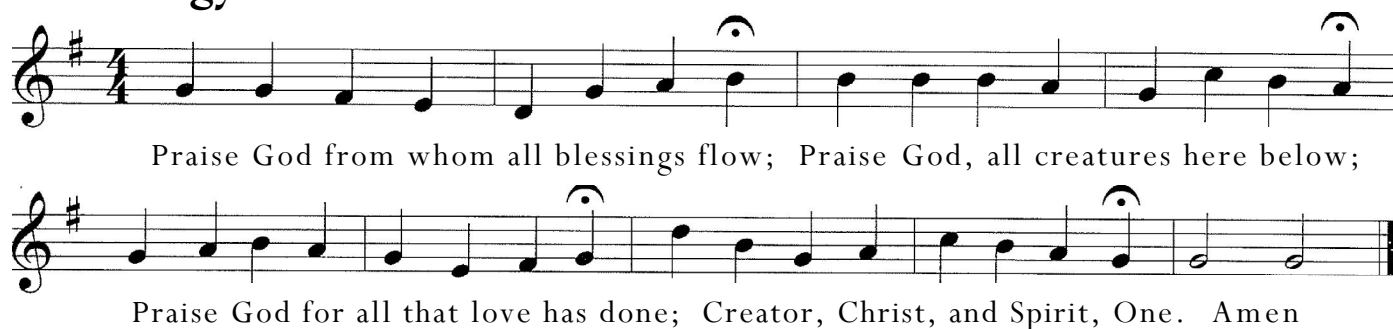
For those who have already given their offering, Giving Cards are available in your pew so that all may participate in the act of the offering.

Offertory Anthem

“God is My Strong Salvation”
The Choir

arr. Abner Grender

*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

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

LITURGIST

Thomas Kainamura

USHERS

Marge Murk, Kim Burghoff, Sarah DeGiovanni, Dave Sageman

HOSPITALITY

Nancy Harlow & Ruth Jensen

*The Altar Flowers are donated in Loving Memory of
Carl & Rose Neuman, and James & Ida Tennyson By Joan Tennyson*

The Tower is lit in Loving Memory of William F. Griswold by Anne Louise Griswold

COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP -JOIN US!

Please consider assisting at a coffee hour. Come at 9:45am and bring one item you feel the folks will enjoy, go down at the start of the final hymn to smile a warm welcome and pour coffee. Stay around to help clean up. Be a part of the Coffee Hour Team. Thanks, Steph



Consecration Sunday is December 2, when we will ask you to support these worthy ministries. We ask that you start now to prayerfully think about what you are passionate, how that passion extends to our church and how you will give of your time, talent and treasure. This church has a very special place in my heart and I am passionate and proud about all that we do. Let's find warmth in the passion of our ministries together. Sincerely, Deb Copes.

***Honoring Veterans;
Past, Present & Future.
Thank you for your
faithful service!***



NOVEMBER
Growing with God's
Word in Thankfulness
and Praise

- 11 2 Samuel 6.1-23
- 12 2 Samuel 7.1-17
- 13 2 Samuel 7.18-29
- 14 Isaiah 12.1-6
- 15 Isaiah 25.1-9
- 16 Isaiah 42.1-17
- 17 Jeremiah 10.1-16

2018 Daily Bible Reading Guide Connecticut
Bible Society-Growing With God's Word

Outreach & Witness Ministry Team - Turkey and a Thirty Foodshare Campaign

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Drop-off 9 AM to 12 Noon

(in front of the church) Donate a frozen turkey and \$30, or any donation. This event is open to the community so please share with family and friends! If anyone is interested in joining the ministry team to assist us with collection of the turkeys at the church, and delivery to West Side Market on Sunday, November 18th, please contact Heather Collins, heathercollins2004@gmail.com, 860-798-4454.



Child Caregiver Position Available: The RHCC Council is looking to fill the position of permanent Child Caregiver in the nursery. Hours are Sunday morning from 9:45am to 11:15 am with the assist of a weekly volunteer and stipend is \$25.00 per week. If you are interested or know someone who would be right for this job, contact Marsha Hoffman or the church office.

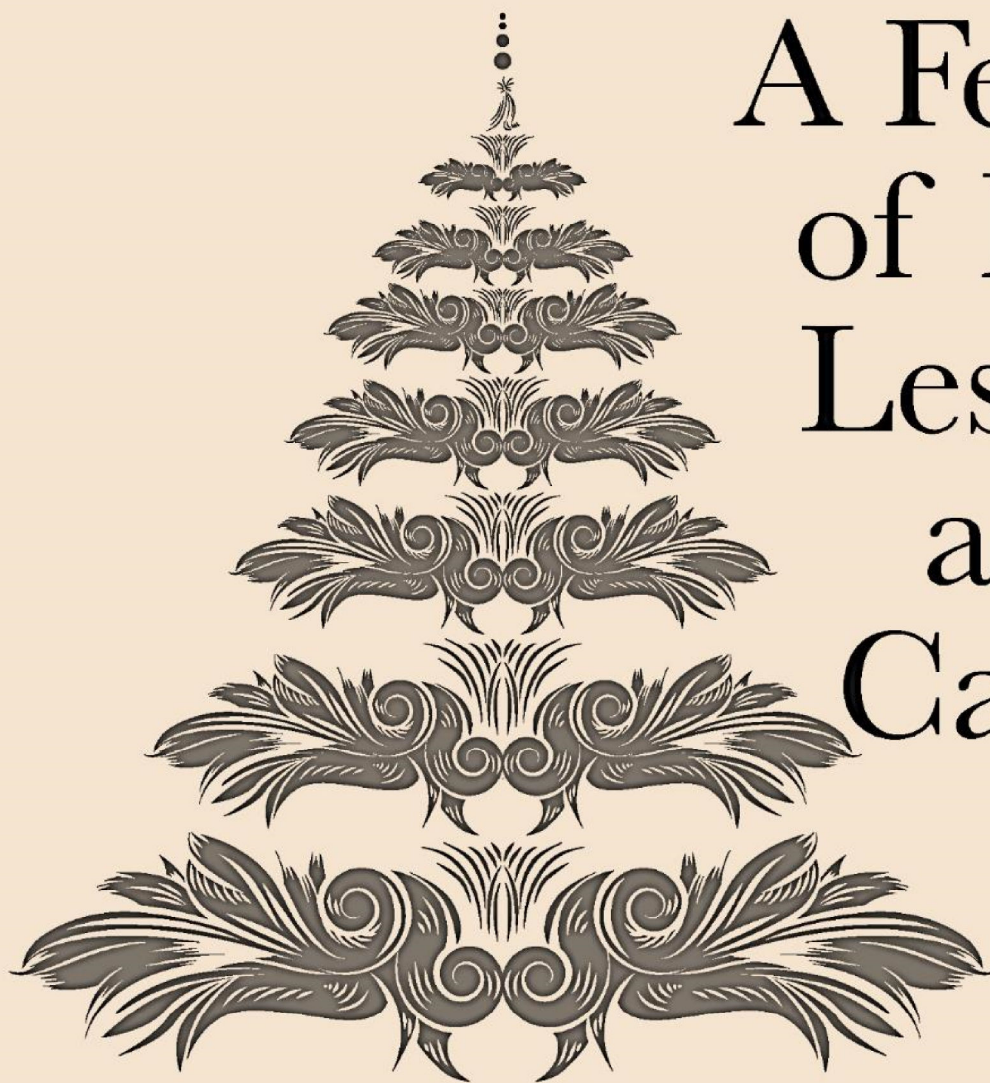
Remember and honor your loved ones at Christmas with Christmas Pointsettias. Your memorial will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23rd, the fourth Sunday of Advent. Ordering deadline is Sunday, December 16th. Order forms will be available at the church in mid November and in the December issue of the Church Mouse. You may call Kim Burgdoff with questions at 860 563-3287.



The submission deadline for the DECEMBER issue of The Church Mouse will be Thursday, **November 15**, and the mailing date will be Tuesday, November 27. We want to hear from you! Send your articles and photos to: office@rhccucc.org.



Ushers wanted: If you'd like to help out with ushering during worship, see Mike Andonucci during coffee hour. Thanks.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

We have been celebrating this annual service of Christian worship for many years
and welcome all to share in the beautiful story of the birth of Christ
as told in word and music.

Admission is free, and a free will offering will be collected to benefit
the work of our church and local community.

Reception following service.

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 (November 11) 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 18. After today, the next order will be placed in two weeks, on November 25 (with delivery on Dec. 2). 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

November 11

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:15am **Church School**
11:00am **Coffee Hour**
11:20am **L&Carols rehearsal**
4:00pm **Piano Recital**

November 12

OFFICE CLOSED
10:30am **Meeting**
7:00pm Women's AA
7:30pm **Bell Choir**

November 13

7:00pm Hearing Voices

November 14

9:00am **Breakfast Club**
7:00pm **L&Carols rehearsal**
7:30pm **Choir**

November 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

November 16

9:30am Music Together/LSP

November 17

10:00am ACA Meeting

Sunday

Chapin Hall
Room 4
Room 24
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary/Choir Loft
Sanctuary/Chapin

Monday

Fiorilli Rm
Chapin Hall
Choir Room

Tuesday

Room 6

Wednesday

Bob's Coffee Shop
Choir Room
Choir Room

Thursday

Room 6
Chapin Hall

Friday

Room 6

Saturday

Fiorilli Room



11	Dale Rowland
12	Diana Belliveau
13	Donna Rowland
13	Kari McCaw
15	Roland Lataille
17	Mary-ellen Lewis

Breakfast Club!

Wednesday, Nov 14 at 9am
RHCC members gather for breakfast at Bob's Coffee Shop, 33 New Britain Ave, Rocky Hill. Join us!



It's ba-a-ack: The Baked Potato Fundraiser!
Sunday, November 18 after worship
\$5 per potato, freshly baked with all the fixings
Proceeds to benefit next year's High School (and possibly, adult)
mission trip to Florida or Puerto Rico.

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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

Pastor: The Rev. Craig L. Cowing ccowing@rhccucc.org

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Child Care Provider: