

ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



November 13, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Consecration Sunday

~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 down the hall 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.

PRELUDE

“The Swan”
Dave Hall, cello

Camille Saint-Saens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Sageman

Leader: As the day dawns anew,

People: so do our lives.

Leader: As our community gathers,

People: so does our spirits.

Leader: As we are awoken by newness,

**People: we are a holy people of a new heaven and earth.
And so it is!**

*HYMN

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

NC (Black)89

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold type denotes collective response

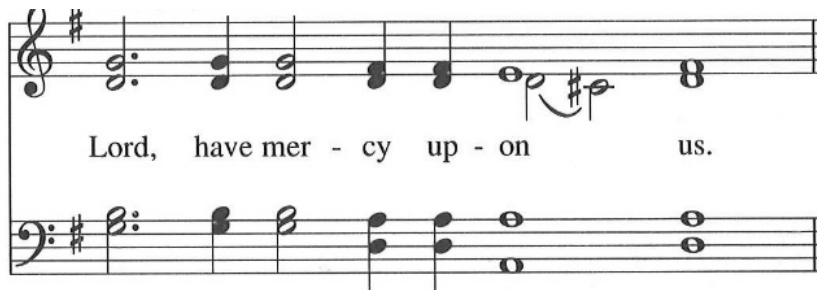
*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built
a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live.
We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you.
We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit that we
may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we
may recognize you and sing your praise. 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

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 stepwise to D5, with a final half note on G5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



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.

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



ANTHEM

“What Shall I Render”
The Bell Choir

arr. Karen Thompson

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible OT p696

SERMON

“The Peaceable Kingdom?”

Rev. Craig L. Cowing

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Barry Wilcock will distribute pledge cards. Please fill them out as you wish.

There will be an opportunity to bring your card to the front later in the service.

*HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

NC (black)525

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

Ancient Irish Airs
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Be Thou My Vision
The Choir

arr. Percy Hall

*Doxology



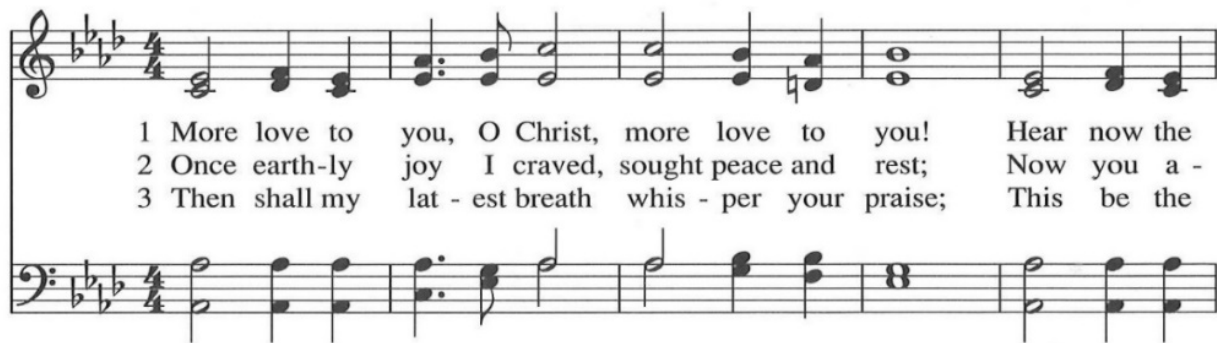
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

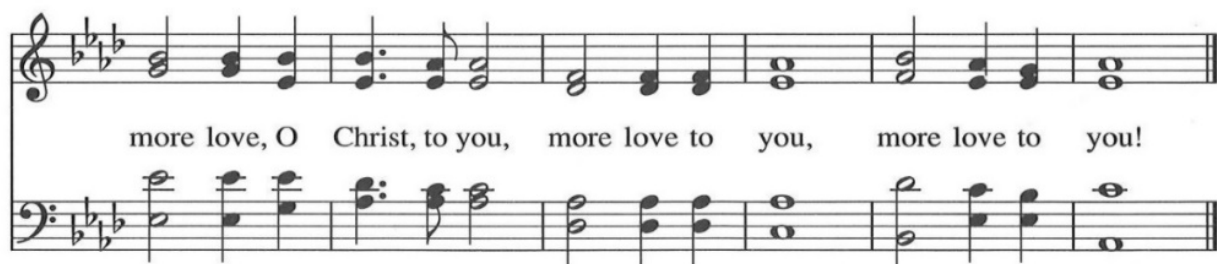
Sung Call to Prayer “More Love to You, O Christ” (verse 1) NC 456



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

DEDICATION OF OUR 2017 PLEDGES

At this time, we will dedicate our pledges for the upcoming year. Please bring them forward if you are able.

***HYMN** “Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” NC (black)556

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

LITURGIST

Dave Sageman

USHERS

Sue Monaghan, Steve Smith, Gail Tine, and Wendy Ware

HOSPITALITY

Stewardship Committee

*The tower is lit this week in loving memory of William F. Griswold
by Anne Louise Griswold*



TODAY

9:30am Child Care during Worship
10:00am Worship
10:15am Church School
11:00am Stewardship Luncheon
11:20am L&C choir children
11:40am L&C choir adult
2:30pm MS Youth Group
5:00pm Confirmation Meeting

Consecration Sunday

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.

Today 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. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the Consecration Sunday events. Sincerely, The Stewardship Committee

MISSIONS

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 to benefit Hawkwing,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 with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Anita Watson Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service to honor her life on Tuesday, November 15. The burial will be at the Center Cemetery at 10 AM and the memorial service will be held at 11 AM at the church.

There will be a reception in Chapin Hall after the service.

If you can assist in ushering or with the reception, please contact Craig, the church office or Stephanie Heneghan. The Watsons have been active in our congregation and the community for many years, and Anita will be greatly missed.

Cards of Sympathy for Anita Watson's family may be sent to:

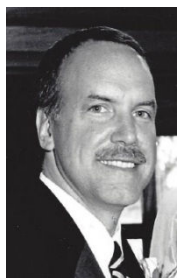
Donald Watson, c/o Avery Heights, 705 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.



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.





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.

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.



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! If you would like to be involved in any way or you have any questions, please email me at hipgirl64@gmail.com. OK RHCC! Let's do it! Let's put our faith to work and share the joy! Can you feel it?

-Val Triplets and the Music Committee

Save the Date for our:

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Remember to Honor your Loved Ones With Christmas Poinsettias



The plants will adorn the sanctuary for worship on
Sunday, December 18th through Christmas
The cost is \$12.50 per plant.
Ordering deadline is Sunday, December 11th

Please fill out the information below and mail to Kim Burghoff (see address below)

Given by: _____

Daytime Telephone number: _____

Dedication ("in loving memory of..." or "in honor of..." etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

This year a choice of either a Red or White Poinsettia is available.

Please select:

☐ **RED POINSETTIA**

☐ **WHITE POINSETTIA**

☐ I will pick-up my plant after worship on Sunday, December 18th

OR

☐ Use my plant to decorate the church through Christmas.

Make your checks payable to:

Rocky Hill Congregational Church with "Poinsettia" in memo line and mail to:

Kim Burghoff, 204 Gray Fox Lane, Rocky Hill CT 06067.

You may call Kim with questions at 860 563-3287.

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

Today is a deadline for placing orders for cards not kept in inventory. Cards ordered today will be available for pickup next Sunday, Nov. 20. A comprehensive listing of all available retailers can be picked up at the scrip table in Chapin Hall. Upcoming pre-Christmas ordering deadlines will continue in two week cycles - November 27, and December 11.

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 13

10:00am **Worship**
9:30am **Childcare**
10:00am **Church School**
11:00am **Luncheon**
11:20am *Lessons & Carols Rehearsals*
2:30pm **MS Youth**
3:00pm Piano Recital
3:00pm Member Party
4:00pm Tamil School
5:00pm **Confirmation Meeting**

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,26
Chapin Hall
Sanctuary
Chapin Hall
Rms 22,23,25,26,27
Parlor

November 14

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

Monday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

November 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

11:00am **Memorial Service**
12:00pm **Memorial Reception**
5:00pm Ferry Landing
7:00pm **LSP Board**
7:00pm Hearing Voices

Tuesday

Sanctuary
Chapin Hall
Chapin Hall
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Room 22

November 16

6:00pm Pilates
7:00pm **L&C Choir**
7:30pm **Choir**

Wednesday

Chapin Hall
Sanctuary
Sanctuary

November 17

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

Thursday

Room 25
Chapin Hall

November 18

7:00pm **Sound Healing with Tibetan Bowls**

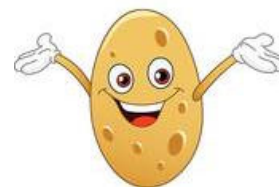
Friday

Weil Chapel



13	Donna Rowland
13	Kari McCaw
15	Roland Lataille
19	Robert Simmons
19	Sheila Elliot

It's ba-a-ack:
The Baked Potato
Fundraiser!
Sunday, November 20
after worship
\$5 per potato
freshly baked with all the
fixings



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Church Website: rhccucc.org

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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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