

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

Established 1727 ~ An Open and Affirming Community



**November 17, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday**

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~

Quote for reflection: “Ministry is a horizon within the life of the Christian community. A [person] is baptized not into an audience or a club but into a community which, accepting a vision of humanity and a faith in unseen divine presence is essentially and unavoidably ministerial...”

Thomas O’Meara, *Theologian*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“You Are the Seed”

Cesareo Gabarain

Choir (Congregation please join in the refrain)

⁷
refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to - all,

¹¹
mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace, e - ter - nal - love.

¹⁵
Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a - rose;

¹⁹
"Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er, till the end of the world."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Inderbitzen

One: As the day dawns anew,

People: so do our lives.

One: As our community gathers,

People: so too, do our spirits.

One: As we celebrate the joy of praising God together, let's remember:

**People: We are a holy people called to care for one another
and for a new heaven and new earth.**

ALL: Come and worship in spirit and in truth!



***HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PH 251

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

***INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**God, you are merciful and mighty,
and you have promised to be with us.**

**Long ago, you sent your Spirit to abide with us
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.**

We come seeking your truth, your justice and your kindness.

Let us feel your presence and welcome you in our lives.

**Come and move in our midst so that we might continue to be shaped
into the community you long for us to be. For we pray this
as Jesus 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.

Prayer of Confession

**Together: God of the Harvest, we long to find our rest in you,
to trust in your abundant life,
freely offered to all who will seek you,
and to drink of the living water you provide.
But we don't know how to rest.
And we have forgotten how to trust.**

Prayer of Confession

One Voice: We seek material goods that we don't really need,
while all around us, so many have so little.
We befriend people not always out of love,
expecting relationships to bring us results.
We ask questions of you, just as the religious leaders did of Jesus,
questions that try only to prove our point of view,
questions which do not edify or enlighten.
Slow us down, God of all Seasons.
Attend to us, Holy One,
and show us that in you is our salvation and our resting place.

Silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

***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 with some ties. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with 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. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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 of greeting.



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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the song. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The music is simple and suitable for children's voices.

ANTHEM

“In My Heart”
The Choir

American Spiritual, arr. Alan Bullard

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament: Luke 10:1-11, 16

SERMON

“Enter the Harvest”

Rev. Nada Sellers

*HYMN

“God, We Thank You for Our People”

NCH 376

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

Pledge Ministry

Offertory Solo

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Richard Nochols

Gail Hall, clarinet

Offering

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

Pastoral Prayer & Joys & Concerns

*HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

PH 272

LITURGIST
USHERS
GREETER
HOSPITALITY

Bob Inderbitzen
Steve Smith, Dave Sageman and Steph Heneghan
Joan Tennyson
InReach

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Joan Tennyson
in Loving Memory of
James & Ida Tennyson and Carol & Rose Neumann.



We're very glad you joined us today, on REBOOT SUNDAY!!
Following worship, everyone is invited to join in a lunch of chili
with all the "fixin's".



Outreach & Witness Ministry Team - Turkey and a Thirty drive
will be held next Sunday, November 24.

Frozen turkeys and donations will be collected in front of the church
From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

(Make checks payable to "Foodshare")

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 and delivery to West Side Market on Sunday,
November 24th, please contact Heather Collins, heathercollins2004@gmail.com,
860-798-4454.

Music Ministry is currently signing up
Readers and Ushers for this year's
Lessons & Carols Service on Sunday,
December 8 at 4:00pm. Contact
Lynne Lataille, Mary, Nada, or email
the office if you would like to
participate.

A new sign-up portal for
Liturgists, Ushers and Sunday
building opening, can be found
on our website:
RockyHillUCC.org

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: Bonfish 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. 17) 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. 24. After today, the next order will be placed on December 1 (with delivery on Dec. 8). 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 17

10:00am Worship
9:30am Childcare
10:15am Church School
11:00am **Chili Lunch!**

November 18

9:30am **MAILING PARTY!**
7:00pm Women's AA
7:00pm Bonsai Group
7:30pm Bell Choir

November 19

7:00pm Cedar Hollow

November 20

6:30pm Little Scholars Board
7:00 pm Lessons & Carols rehearsal
7:30pm Choir

November 21

7:00pm Fair Mtg
7:30pm Men's AA

November 22

Sunday

Sanctuary
Room 4
Rms 24,25,27
Chapin Hall

Monday

Fiorilli
Fiorilli
Chapin Hall
Choir Loft

Tuesday

Fiorilli

Wednesday

Fiorilli
Choir Room
Choir Room

Thursday

Fiorilli
Chapin Hall

Friday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

17	Mary-Ellen Lewis
19	Robert Simmons
20	Hannah Fuller
22	Julia Pawlich
24	Kim Batterson-Biglow
25	Jeannie Alessi
25	Will McKenna
25	Holly Alessi
30	Gael Curtin



GRATEFUL GIVING

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



HELPERS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE PLEDGE MAILING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 9:30AM. THANK YOU! Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The Fair Committee extends a special Thank You to Mitchell's of RH for the generous donation of 3 soups to the Tea Room. Their stuffed pepper soup was especially popular.

Save the Date for: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,
Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Rocky Hill Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

805 Old Main Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Church Office: office@rhccucc.org / 860 529-4167

Church Website: www.RockyHillUCC.org

Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rhccucc

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

Ministers: All the members of the church

Pastor: Rev. Nada Sellers nsellers@rhccucc.org

Minister for Children & Youth: Georgette Huie ghuie@rhccucc.org

Minister of Music: Mary DeLibero mary@rhccucc.org

Office Manager: Theresa E. Cleary office@rhccucc.org

Webmaster: Steve Smith admin@rhccucc.org