

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Welcome to Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

Hearing-assistance receivers, large-print hymnals, and bulletins are available for your use. Please ask an usher for these items.

If you need a place to calm your infant during worship, please feel free to go to the Saegmuller Room on the lower level where the service is live-streamed. The nursery is open all morning in Room 104 of the Hunter Building.

Rock Spring is a progressive Christian community—welcoming, compassionate, and joyful. We love and care for one another. We strive to discern God's still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for peace and social, economic, and ecological justice. We seek a greater understanding of others, and thus ourselves, recognizing that all persons are members of our one human family. Our community prepares and sustains us as we work together to bring about the world that we believe God intends.

Sunday School Classes meet in the Hunter Building

10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Video Class – Room 207

11:00 a.m. Preschool – Room 103

 K-1st Grade – Room 105/107

 2nd-3rd Grade – Room 206

 4th-5th Grade – Room 204

 6th-8th Grades – Room 207*

 *Grades 6–8 remain in worship
 on the 1st Sunday of each month

Professional nursery care is available all morning in Room 104.

Order of Worship

An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand.

“Hope, like every virtue, is a choice that becomes a practice
that becomes spiritual muscle memory.

It’s a renewable resource for moving through life as it is,
not as we wish it to be.”

~ Krista Tippett

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The ringing of the bell is an indication that the Introit is about to begin.

CHORAL INTROIT----- Lux Prima

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
The Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are pulled in many directions.

All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.
This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.
This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.
Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.
Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

* HYMN #16 ----- Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE ----- Psalm 78:1-7

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC ----- Arr. Christiansen

Beautiful Savior
The Men’s Choir

FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

SENDING SONG ----- We Send You On Your Way
As the congregation sings the Sending Song, children through 8th grade
will exit through the Transept door near the piano for Sunday School.

Now with loving hearts, we send you on your way.
Open up your minds, to grow and learn each day.
Make a better world with what you do and say.
Take these blessings with you each day. (Repeat as needed.)

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE ----- Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON ----- Kathy Dwyer

* HYMN #595 ----- Slane

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Recognition of Veterans

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Holy One*, 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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
for ever. Amen.

*May use Creator, Father, Parent, Abba

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT ----- "Your Place In Our Story"

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
I was naked and you clothed me.
I was sick and you visited me.
I was in prison and you came to me."
When did we see you in need and minister to you?
"Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these,
my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
Let all you do be done in love.

OFFERTORY ----- Mendelssohn

“Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord” from Elijah
The Sanctuary Choir

* PRESENTATION ----- Tallis’ Canon

Praise life that makes us change and grow
Praise love that makes compassion flow
Praise peace that ends all strife and fear
Praise hands that work for justice here

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #722 ----- Finlandia

This Is My Song

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

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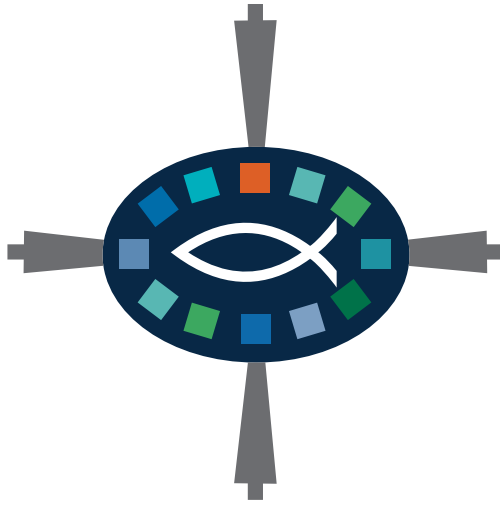
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