

RECLAIMING
CHRISTIANITY

A CHURCH FOR
THE NEXT
500 YEARS

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 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.*

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 ----- Bringle/Hymn to Joy

*Sing A New World Into Being
The Youth Choir*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to this place:

**All: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

* HYMN #284 ----- Gather Us In

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WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE ----- Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC ----- Strathdee

*What Does the Lord Require Of You?
The Youth 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 5th 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 21:23-32

SERMON-----Kathy Dwyer
Reclaiming Christianity: A Church for the Next 500 Years

*** HYMN MORE MUSIC #7**-----Freed
Deep In Our Hearts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*

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

*** 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**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN----- *Come to the Table of Grace*

*As we sing, children who have been participating in Sunday School will
rejoin their families for communion.*

Come to the table of grace (peace, love, joy)
Come to the table of grace
This is Christ's table not just yours or mine
Come to the table of grace.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All are welcome at Christ's table. You will take the bread from one server
and dip it in the chalice held by the other server. Anyone who is unable
to come forward should indicate this to an usher and communion will
be brought to them. Grape juice is served, and gluten-free bread is
available.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*** HYMN #65** ----- Ein' Feste Burg

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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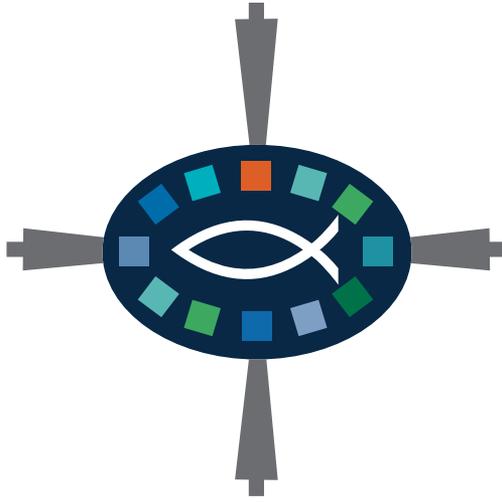
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