

RECLAIMING
CHRISTIANITY

A CHURCH FOR
THE NEXT
500 YEARS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 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.*

When tradition is thought to state the way things really are, it becomes the director and judge of our lives; we are, in effect, imprisoned by it. On the other hand, tradition can be understood as a pointer to that which is beyond tradition: the sacred. Then it functions not as a prison but as a lens.

~Marcus Borg, The God We Never Knew:

Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith

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 Sanctuary and Choristers Choirs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

All: We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

**We bring all this to each other and to God,
whom we worship today.**

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE -----Leviticus 24:19-22

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC----- Mark Hayes

Namaste

The Sanctuary 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 5:17-18, 38-42

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

* HYMN

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1. Come, and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2. Lis - ten to the voice of wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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*

MOMENT FOR MISSION-----Arlington THRIVE

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**

*** HYMN #62** -----St. Anne

Creator God, Creating Still

***BENEDICTION**

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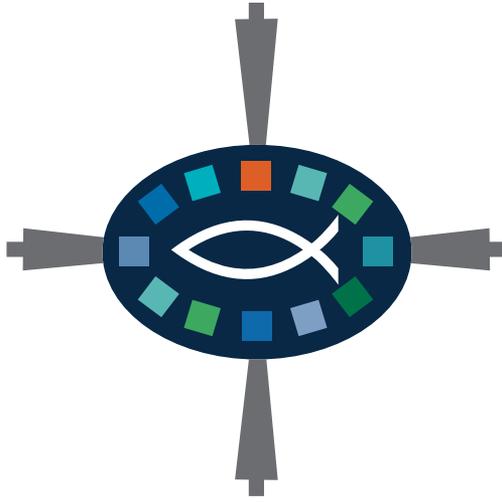
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