

First Sunday of Epiphany

January 13, 2019

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!*

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.

We are accessible –

Please ask an usher if you need:

- Hearing assistance device
- Large-print hymnal or bulletin
- Directions to the elevator or accessible restrooms.

Watch us on the Web –

Our services are live-streamed and archived on our website (www.rockspringucc.org) for future viewing.

- While the congregation is shown mostly from the back, please speak to an usher if you would prefer to sit in the least visible spot.
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Children are welcome in worship and at the Table –

There is an activity station at the back of the Sanctuary. Children are welcome to play there or may bring something to the pew. If you need a place to calm your infant during worship, the service is live-streamed in the Saegmuller Room on the lower level. Professional nursery care is available all morning in Hunter Building Room 104.

Sunday Morning Faith Formation for All Ages –

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Video Class – Hunter Room 207
11:00 a.m. Preschool – Hunter Room 103
 Kindergarten-1st Grade – Hunter Room 107
 2nd-3rd Grade – Hunter Room 206
 4th-5th Grade – Hunter Room 204
 *6th-8th Grade – Hunter Room 205

*Remain in worship 1st Sunday of each month

Order of Worship

An asterisk () indicates an invitation to stand.*

*“Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.....
Let your God -
Love you.”
~Edwina Gately*

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 invitation to return to your seat.

CHORAL INTROIT-----Trad. song, Caribbean

O Let the Power Fall on Me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes ... a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted.

All: You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know.

Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much. Do not seek for anything; do not perform anything; do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted!"

If that happens to us, we experience grace. After such an experience we may not be better than before, and we may not believe more than before. But everything is transformed.

*** HYMN MORE MUSIC #2**-----Two Oaks
Let Us Build a House

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE-----Isaiah 43:1-7

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC-----Allen Pote
Many Gifts, One Spirit

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*** 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-----Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON-----Kathy Dwyer

*** HYMN #492**-----Many Are the Lightbeams
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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. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #469-----Light of the World

I Am the Light of the World!

CHORAL BENEDICTION-----Trad. song, Cuba

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

POSTLUDE

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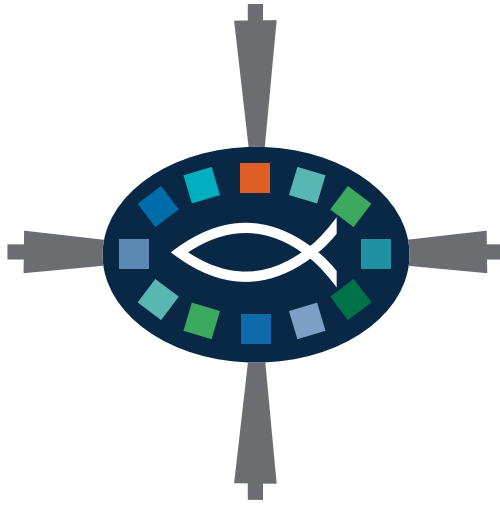
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