

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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.*

"The eighth day is the beginning of a new creation."

~Gordon W. Lathrop, *Holy Things* (1993)

PRELUDE ----- Jacob Narverud

You Are the Song

Senza Nome Ensemble

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A love that never ceases,

All: **A creativity that designed the universe,**

A hope that cannot be quenched,

A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

These are the things that are of God,

Then let us worship God.

* **HYMN #61** ----- Royal Oak

All Things Bright and Beautiful

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE -----Psalm 150

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC ----- Casey Cook

Nunc Dimittis

Senza Nome Ensemble

Translation: *Now Lord, let your servant depart*

According to your word in peace

For my eyes have seen the salvation

Which you have prepared before all nations

A light to enlighten the heathen

And the glory of your people Israel.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*** SENDING SONG** ----- We Send You On Your Way
As the congregation sings the Sending Song (More Music #25), 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 ----- John 20:19-31

SERMON -----Kathy Dwyer

*** HYMN #16** ----- Nettleton
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS

Jeff Chin
Dean Cretsinger
Marisol Maddox
Kathleen Kline Moore
Amanda Potter
Angela Sakell

To be baptized: Jeff, Bryce, and Rhett Chin

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

ACT OF BAPTISM

*** WELCOME AND RECEPTION**

Members of the family of God, I commend to you these persons. Do all in your power to affirm their faith journey, strengthen their hope, and embrace them in love.

We give thanks for the faith God has worked within you. We welcome you wherever you are on your faith journey with our love, acceptance, and respect. We pledge to work together as a community of faith to provide opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, celebration, and service. We promise to give spiritual and emotional care and support in times of need; and to be faithful as fellow stewards of God’s grace. Together we will work for peace and social, economic, and ecological justice and strive to bring about the world that we believe that God intends.

GREETING IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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 MORE MUSIC #11** -----Called By Earth and Sky

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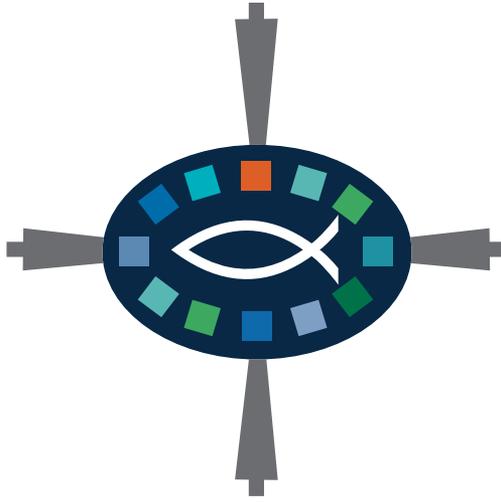
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