



March 19, 2023

## Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are, or  
Where you are on life's journey,  
You are welcome here.*

### Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**A Moment for Mission**

**A Time of Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

**Steve Jones**

**\*Hymn**

***We Come With Questions***

**Scripture**

*John 9:1-41*

**A Time for All Ages**

**Sending Song**

**Sermon**

**Kathy Dwyer**

**Worship Through Music**

**The Sanctuary Choir**

*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – for my mother by B. McFerrin*

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn #546**

***Amazing Grace***

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*If you have a prayer request during the service, you may text it to 703-507-3740.*

*The Call to Worship and first hymn are from Sanctified Art LLC |[sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).*

*Today's flowers are given by Pamela Henriksen in memory of Soren's parents, Werner and Kirsten Henriksen, and his sister Ruth Henriksen and her companion of 50 years Effie Fennell.*

*Next Week's Scripture: John 11:1-45.*

## **Announcements**

### **Today @ Rock Spring**

10:00 a.m. – Worship & Sunday School

11:15 a.m. — High School YoRS

11:15 a.m. – Choristers & Choir Boost

11:15 a.m. – SAM Board Retreat

8:00 p.m. – Spiritual Practices for Seekers

**View the complete calendar of events [here](#).**

### **Blood Drive**

**Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Bloodmobile returns to Rock Spring, co-sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 106. Register at <https://bit.ly/RockSpring0326> or by contacting [Laura Watchman](#). Show up and save six lives with a donation! Fewer donors have been giving blood, and your contribution will make a real impact.

### **Spring is Coming... And so is Hospitality!**

Outdoor hospitality will resume next Sunday, the first Sunday of Spring! The coffee crew could use a few more folks to help facilitate this important time of connection. For details, email [Jen Keefer](#).

### **Intergenerational Baking & Singing**

**Sunday, March 26**

**11:15 a.m., Carpenter Hall**

Gather in community to bake Irish soda bread to deliver to Rock Springers in need of cheer (and some to take home). While the bread bakes, we'll channel the Rock Spring Life Retreat and sing. [RSVP](#) to help us purchase sufficient ingredients.

### **Preventing Falls**

**Sunday, April 2, 11:15 a.m., Neighborhood House**

**Tuesday, April 4, 2:00 p.m., [via Zoom](#)**

Learn about the importance of falls prevention as we get older, how to reduce your fall risk, and how regular exercise can help. Presenter: Dr. Sara Pappa, a Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) and an Assistant Professor in the Health and Human Performance Department at Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

### **Spiritual Practices for Seekers**

**Sundays through April 2, 8:00 p.m. [via Zoom](#)**

Join us online for about 45 minutes to explore a spiritual practice and then engage together with a ritual to end the week and turn our focus to the week ahead. Tonight, Laura leads on discernment.

### **Maundy Thursday Dinner Churches**

**Thursday, April 6, various times**

**"How Do We Live in Community?"**

Mark the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to Love One Another in neighborhood potluck meals – with an online option, too. Engage in a shared ritual, create candles for use in worship, and enjoy a time of community hosted by members of the congregation. RSVP by Wednesday, March 22.

Details & registration:

<https://rockspring.me/MTPotluck>.

### **24-Hour Prayer Vigil**

**April 6-April 7**

We will collaboratively pray for 24 hours, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday through Good Friday worship the next day. Details and sign up using [this link](#). Participants will be provided optional resources to use.

### **Emotions of Easter Prayer Walk**

**April 7-10; Guided Activities April 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Experience an outdoor, emotion-centered telling of the Easter story, accompanied by prayerful activities suitable for all ages.

### **Good Friday Worship**

**Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.**

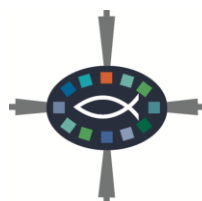
Join us in the Sanctuary for this service of shadows as we ask, "Why is there Suffering?"

### **Easter Worship**

**Sunday, April 9**

**6:30 a.m.** – Sunrise service in Rock Spring Park

**8:30 & 10:00 a.m.** – Festive Worship in the Sanctuary featuring the Clarion Brass



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