



May 28, 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 & Time of Greeting

Call to Worship

Lorie Brush

*Hymn #658

Restless Weaver

A Time for All Ages & The Sending Song

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Laura Martin

Worship through Music

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #249 (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Spirit

*Benediction

Postlude

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

The image is Pentecost by Edgardo deGuzman.

The Call to Worship is by Gord Waldie on his blog [Worship Offerings](#).

Today's flowers are given by Allen and Kathleen Moore, in gratitude for days of new birth, fire that kindles love, this community of faithfulness, and all together the breath of Pentecost which began our journey together.

Next week's scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Announcements

Today @ Rock Spring

10:00 a.m. – Worship & Sunday School

10:15 a.m. – Middler YoRS

11:15 a.m. –Choir Boost

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

Strengthen the Church Offering

Beginning today and throughout the month of June, Rock Spring will receive the annual Strengthen the Church Offering, one of 5 special offerings collected by the United Church of Christ. Strengthen the Church provides support to build up new and struggling congregations in the UCC. Donations can be made via Rock Spring's [website](#), or by writing a check to Rock Spring UCC with "Strengthen the Church" in the memo line.

Summer Ensembles

[Sign up](#) to sing one or more Sundays this summer as part of an ensemble. Elizabeth will choose music based on who has signed up.

Graduate Celebration!

Next Sunday, June 4

Today is the deadline to fill out [this form](#) to ensure your graduate is included in our celebratory video next Sunday.

Summer Sunday School--Teachers Needed!

Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, June 4 and we are still in need of teachers, especially for our 2nd-5th grade classes. Weather permitting, classes will be held outside and will be a relaxed time of stories, games, and play. Please consider signing up [here](#) for a week or two! If you'd like to talk more, contact [Hannah](#).

What Once Was Lost, Now Is Found...

Our Lost & Found bins (located in the coat closet outside the office) are filling up with sunglasses, water bottles, sweaters, and more. Next Sunday, June 4, we will put these items out on display. What isn't claimed will be taken to a thrift shop.

Summer Study: Basics of the Bible

Kathleen Moore hopes to facilitate a 3-week summer Bible study focusing on the basics of the Bible. No prior background is expected and there will be no homework – all are welcome to join in this conversational learning experience! We will "dip our toes" into the waters of the Bible's contents and context. Meeting times (likely 3 evenings via Zoom) and content will be determined by participants. To express interest or learn more, email [Kathleen](#) by June 5.

Pub Theology

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join Rachel Kinney and Laura Martin for pub theology at [Clare and Don's Beach Shack](#) in Falls Church for an evening of small group conversation on faith and spirituality. You're welcome to purchase whatever food or drink you would like as we talk. RSVPs help us know how much space to reserve, so please let [Rachel](#) or [Laura](#) know if you plan to attend.

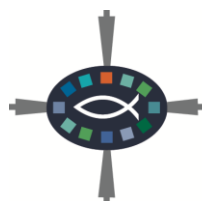
Save the Date: Summer Sabbath "Suppers"

Thursday, July 13, various times & locations

Celebrate community and honor the rhythms of summer sabbath in small group potluck dinners. Similar to our Maundy Thursday dinners, this will be a chance to connect, meet new people, and strengthen our bonds as members of the church. A daytime gathering and virtual "drinks with friends" Zoom gathering will also be offered. Look for a sign up in mid-June.

Arlington Pride Festival

Join Rock Spring at the *Arlington Pride Festival* at Gateway Park in Rosslyn on Saturday, June 24! Rock Spring will have a table with props and giveaway items. Our presence will celebrate our expansive welcome and our commitment to standing with the LGBTQ+ community for justice and equality. Kristine Lucius and her family are coordinating Rock Spring's booth; sign up [here](#) to spend an hour or two greeting people.



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