

All Saints Sunday
November 5, 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.*

For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). But, often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. "Blessed are the merciful" in a courtroom? "Blessed are the peacemakers" in the Pentagon?
~Kurt Vonnegut, *A Man Without A Country*

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 ----- Mark Patterson

The Fruit of the Vine

The Choristers

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

All: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst,

the Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

* HYMN #637 ----- Sine Nomine

For All The Saints

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE ----- Micah 3:5-12

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC-----trad./arr. Emerson

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

The Youth 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 5th 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 23:1-12

SERMON----- Laura Martin

*** HYMN MORE MUSIC #2**-----Two Oaks

Let Us Build A House (verses 1, 2, and 3)

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN----- *Come to the Table of Grace*
As we sing, children who have been participating in Sunday School will
rejoin their families for communion.

Come to the table of grace (peace, love, joy)
Come to the table of grace
This is Christ's table not just yours or mine
Come to the table of grace.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome at Christ's table. You will take the bread from one server
and dip it in the chalice held by the other server. Anyone who is unable
to come forward should indicate this to an usher and communion will
be brought to them. Grape juice is served, and gluten-free bread is
available.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*** HYMN MORE MUSIC #9**----- Browning

Draw The Circle Wide (verses 1 and 3)

***BENEDICTION**

VOLUNTARY

IN MEMORIUM

Cris Swenson, November 11, 2016

Margaret Gurley, November 25, 2016

Betsy Fulton, February 6, 2017

Tim Mitchell, January 14, 2017

Cherie Bottum, April 9, 2017

Olive Graffam, April 22, 2017

Howard Hjort, July 27, 2017

June Ventura, August 4, 2017

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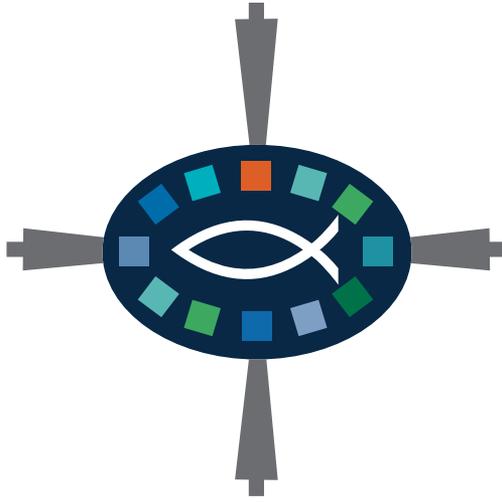
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