



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship for Digital Service

July 11, 2021
10:00am

**= please rise, whether in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

"Estudio #1"
Paul Laprade, classical guitar

L. BROWER

CENTERING

Rebecca White Newgren

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Kris Harden

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

All: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

All: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

All: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

All: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

All: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you this morning, O Christ.

All: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us. Grant us your peace.

***HYMN**

"Bring Many Names"

WREN-YOUNG

Bring many names, beautiful and good; celebrate in parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving,
God: hail and hosanna, bring many names.

Old aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of new surprises,
wiser than despair: Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager on the move, say no to falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice,
giving all you have: Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home: Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Becky Erbe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION◆◆

Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us? Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. Hear our prayers in this silence...

One Minute of Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE AND PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katy Paterson

EARLY WORD

Rachel Huffman

SONG

"O God We Bear the Imprint"
Paul Laprade, voice, piano

MURRAY-TUCKER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

SERMON

"Hear What the Lord Will Speak"

Rebecca White Newgren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andy Newgren

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There are three ways to give of yourself to the church: 1. The obvious, money. You can mail in your offering or click the orange DONATE button top right at secondfirst.org. Text to give is live! Text Give \$__ to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. 2. Send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org. 3. Make yourself known to this community or offer your time/talent by emailing Rev. Rebecca: rebecca@secondfirst.org.

SONG OF OFFERING

"When The Lord Redeems the Very Least"
Paul Laprade, voice, guitar

BRUMLEY

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

ARR. MCGILLICUTTY

The Chancel Flowers are given by Joyce and Bill Zartman.

◆ *Spacious Faith*

◆ *Lectionary Liturgies*, Thom Shuman

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Wes Hegge, sound

Matt Dewis, video

Prayer Requests

Please keep these members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. Additions to the prayer list are always welcome. Prayer requests will be listed for one month. If you would like to remain on longer, please notify the office.

- Continue prayers for Brian McConnell, Ken, (friend of Mary Spindler), Jacob Crow (Nephew of new members Josh and Adrian Crow), new member Stephanie Reinecke and her family, Ari Davidson, (daughter in law of Phil and Shirley Davidson), Stephanie Cooper, Diana Fry, Roman Ramirez, Lenore Lund, Doris Rowald, Marsha Martin, Joyce Pennow, Katy Paterson, Ron Schaad, Barbara Smith (daughter of Alice Pampe), Jackie Chamberlain, Cathy Toepfer (daughter of Jackie Chamberlain), Leah Baskin, and Philip & Shirley Davidson.
- And we pray for all those at home and in long-term care facilities, who may not be in worship regularly, but who remain part of our family of faith: Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Jan Elliott, Willene Ziebell, Norman Fry, Darlene Miller, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Susan Dodillet, Charles Rosche, Arlene Snap, Lillian Smith, and Betty Haegg.

Serious Soup Update: Donate Soup and Bottled Water

Many are attending our Serious Soup! There are many ways to help out this successful ministry. We need soup makers. Favorite soups are old fashion comfort soups like chicken noodle or any cream soups. Nothing fancy. We are also in need of bottled water. We have a box in the Narthex so you can drop off water without contact. Contact: Arlene Noel or Katy Paterson if you can make a big pot of soup or donate some bottled water.

Family Christian Education is Hosting a Family Swim Party Sunday, July 18, Noon-3:00 pm

It will be held at Sarah Hallberg's house: 1909 Wedel Ave, Rockford Christian Ed is providing Hot Dogs. Please RSVP by no later than Saturday, July 10, to [Sarah Hallberg](#) or [Jess Lindblade](#). Please bring a dish to pass or we can advise when you RSVP what is needed.

Scholarship and Loans Available

If you are a post high school graduate, planning on furthering your education by attending college, vocational school, or graduate school this coming academic year (2021-22) SecondFirst Member, you are eligible to inquire about the First Presbyterian Scholarship Fund or the Weingartner Student Loan Fund. For additional information: Presbyterian Members, email [Joyce Pogue](#) by Monday, July 19. United Church of Christ Members, email [Jeff Jacobs](#), or contact the office.

Jeremiah Development is organizing a drive-thru Northern Illinois Food Bank Distribution for Saturday, July 24 10:00 am. This will be held in the city parking lot at Mulberry & Court Street. Many hands are needed for a couple of hours that morning to make this a successful event. If you are able to assist that morning, or in helping to organize prior to the event. Please Contact: [Jeanine Wang](#)

Haiti Project Update: The success of our three annual fund drives (2018-2019-2020) for Tools & Seeds for Saut-d'Eau, Haiti has increased the level of food security for hundreds of families. This Spring we are focused on building a (Co-op) Grain Mill for Saut-d'Eau, so that people can grind their corn and rice into cornmeal and rice flour, critical for their family meals. The only mill in the region was over an hour away, but it closed during the pandemic. This new Mill will greatly increase local food security and raise just enough money from users to maintain the equipment and staff the Mill as a Coop for the people. James has already secured the necessary electrical service to the neighborhood to run the Milling Machine.

The Milling Machine will cost \$10,000. **Our goal is to raise \$2500** toward funding the mill during our 2021 Spring fund drive for Food Security (Tools & Seeds) for Saut-d'Eau. **So far, we have received \$1900. We will reach our goal.**

The Mill project will also require the building of a large Shed or open-air building to house the Mill and that will cost about \$18,000. 'Pouky' is applying for a Grant from another donor source in our city to build the Shed...stay tuned for more information on that.

If you have any questions, or would like to join the Haiti Interest Group at SecondFirst Church, please Contact: Roger & Carolyn Greenlaw (rgreen97@aol.com, csgreen52@aol.com) James & Odette Casimir (casimir0401@gmail.com)

Join the Carillons

The Carillons are excited to begin bell rehearsals! We will meet for an hour at 9:30 AM, the fourth Thursday morning of every month during the summer, and then every Thursday morning, beginning in September. New members are always welcome. We hope we will be able to present music at a service late in September. If you are interested in joining Carillons. Contact: [Joyce Zartman](#)

Join in the Fun, Ringing the Bells!

After laying silent for more than a year, our bells will soon be ringing again! Joyce will begin rehearsing her Carillons in late June and my groups (Martin Ringers and Bellcantos) will resume in September. Sarah's precious Peanuts will also start up in the fall. We'd love to have you join us! This will be a rebuilding year, as we feel our way back, so don't be shy! Come and give it a try! No previous bell-ringing experience necessary. You don't even need to read music. Fun and fellowship guaranteed! Contact: [Julie Cook Ramirez](#)

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday's, 7:00 am in the Dining Room.

The cost is still \$1.00. Masks required to enter; social distancing is requested (like at a restaurant). We hope to reunite with all former attendees and are looking for others to join for fellowship, breakfast, and prayer. Contact: [Steve Showers](#) Second Congregational / First Presbyterian Church

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