



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Easter

April 17, 2022

Order of Worship

10:00am

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

PRELUDE

“Victory”

A. BULLARD

INTROIT

“He Is Risen”

BOERSMA/C. COURTNEY

Sanctuary Choir and Rockford Wind Ensemble Brass Quintet

***CENTERING**

Becky Erbe

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Rachel Huffman

All: Christ Is Risen!

Leader: The time of grieving has ended.

All: Christ Is Risen!

Leader: Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

All: Christ Is Risen!

Leader: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!

All: Christ is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Congregation, Choir, and Brass

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle done, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION♦

Marge Maynard

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and wonderful God, hear our prayer. We would be different – less judging, less selfish, less greedy; more hopeful, more graceful, more trusting. We would be different, if you would come into our hearts and cleanse them; if you would open our hands and direct them; if you would move our minds and feet to follow you. We will be different, if you will change us, and remake us, again, in your image. Let us continue to pray in this silence...

One Minute of silent reflection

ASSURANCE FOR GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katy Paterson

EARLY WORD

Rachel Huffman

SONG

"He Lives"
Sanctuary Choir and Brass Quintet

A. POTE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Sunny Side Up"

Becky Erbe

*HYMN #238 vs 1-3

"Thine Is the Glory"
Choir, Congregation, and Brass

MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

REFRAIN

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

REFRAIN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Davidson

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

Katy Paterson

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

“Hallelujah Resurrection Day”
Choir and Brass Quintet

L. Shackley

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

***HYMN #826 vs 1-4**

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG**

“Hallelujah Chorus” from “Messiah”

G. F. Handel

All who wish to participate are welcome to come forward

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony V”

C. WIDOR

♦written by *Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Guest conductor Timm Adams:

Associate Professor of Music, Rockford University

Rockford Wind Ensemble Brass Quintet:

Paul Saltzgiver, trumpet, Betsy Young, trumpet, Sue Sweeny, French horn, Tim Perian, trombone, and Ryer Christian, tuba.

Wes Hegge, sound, video

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Alice DeWall Uphouse, Rebecca DeWall Hubbs, Sarah DeWall Hallberg in loving memory of Duane and Mary Beth DeWall.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our lovely Easter Garden

*Joyce Pogue - in Memory of Loved Ones.

*Steve & Peg Showers - in Memory of our Parents.

*Valerie Blair - in Memory of Orville and Elsie Blair.

*Jim Burright and Family in Memory of Linda Burright and Lucy Burright.

- *Marilyn Hartzog - in Memorial for my parents, Rolland and Jean Wiegand.
- *Kim Craft – in Loving Memory of Jo Ann Craft.
- *Zan Picchioni – in Heartfelt Memory of David Picchioni.
- *Marge Maynard – in Memory of our Tokartz & Maynard Family Members.
- *Dick & Sally Baker – For Family
- *Susan Vetrone, Linda & Jaxon Oshita, in Memory of Clarke J. Vetrone Sr.
- *Susan Vetrone and Linda Oshita, - in Memory of Rae & Burdette Anderson & Dorothy and Marshall Anderson
- *Linda & Jaxon Oshita - in Memory of Margaret and Jack Oshita, & Candy McVay.
- *Jennifer, Eric, Madeline, Nicholas, Rhiannon, and Kayleigh Archer - in Memory of Rae & Burdette Anderson, Marsh & Dorothy Anderson, Jack & Margaret Oshita, John & Marie Archer, Roger & Marilyn Fisher, Alice Fisher & Grant Fisher, Ted Layton, and Roger & Vi Kleffel.
- *John and Mary Spindler - in Honor of Daughters Ashley and Annie.
- *Bill and Norma Lee Barnhart in Memory of our Son, Daniel Barnhart.
- *Bob and Rita Langford in Memory of Bea and Bert Wisner.
- *Joyce and Bill Zartman, in Memory of the Zartman and Nicol Families.
- *Cynthia Johnson - in Honor of Hugh & Tottie Johnson from their children.
- *Eleanor Babel - to Honor Family and Friends.
- *Liz Dickinson - in Memory of my Brother, Jim Quest.
- *John DeWaters and Lenore Lund - in Memory of Ann DeWaters.
- *Bryan and Sherry McDonald - in Dedication of our Parents.
- *The Luedke Family - in Memory of Walter Luedke.
- *George Dilling – in Memory of Bonnie Dilling.
- *Janet Hendricks – in Memory of Ann Hickey.
- *Kristina Pando.
- *Bill and Leah Baskin.

Feel free to take your flowers after the service. Your name is on the flower you ordered.

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.

- **We offer prayers, sympathy, and support for friends and family of Phyllis Hendricks, (sister of Janet Hendricks, who passed away April 11.**
- Continue prayers for **Paul Hendricks (brother of Janet Hendricks)** Ron Schaad, Clairimene Normil (sister of Odette Massenat), Ed Conklin, Arlene Snap, Cara Keller, Dustin Eklund, Julie Cook Ramirez, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Greg Makulec, Beckett Krieg (great nephew of Sandy Williams), Jacob Crow (nephew of new members Josh and Adrian Crow), Katy Paterson, Barbara Smith (sister of Doug Pampe), Cathy Toepfer (daughter of Jackie Chamberlain), 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: Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Phyllis Seeman, Doris Rowald, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, and Betty Haegg.

Jubilee Soup Kitchen: Saturday, April 23 10:00 AM

Are you busy on this date? Marge and Jean could use your help. We expect to be back to serving a more normal lunch thanks to reducing Covid cases in our area. The exact nature of this is not decided yet—but probably won't include the serving line we had in the past, but we hope to have indoor seating at spaced tables. It's an exciting step forward and your presence would be a great present! Contact: Marge Maynard or Jean Herro if you are interested or have questions. Thanks.

Our Annual Program Meeting of Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, April 24, 11:00 am in person or via Zoom.

Congratulations, Becky Erbe! Happy 25th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 1.

We will be celebrating Becky's 25th Anniversary with our church. We will have refreshments. Please let us honor her by bringing or sending a card with a note.

Calendar at a Glance April 17-April 24, 2022

Sunday, April 17 Easter 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store Monday, April 18 No Serious Soup	Tuesday, April 19 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 PM - Narrative Bible Study 5:00 PM – Mission Team* Wednesday, April 20 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 12:00 PM – JD Executive 5:00 PM – Trustees Ministry Thursday, April 21 9:30 AM – Carillons No Choir Rehearsal	Friday, April 22 No Scheduled Activities Saturday, April 23 10:00 AM – Jubilee Soup Kitchen 10:00 AM – Carillons rehearse Sunday, April 24 Peanuts/Carillons 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Annual Program 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store
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