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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost — July 31, 2022
Order of Worship — 10:00am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks are encouraged but optional.

PRELUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" W. RUNYAN
Jan Novak, Linda Johnson Piano Duet

***CENTERING** Becky Erbe

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Katy Paterson
Leader: Our lives are in the care of God.
All: God has given us abundance and hope.
Leader: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.
All: We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.
Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!
All: Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love

***HYMN** #12 vs 1,3,4 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" SMITH/WELSH TUNE
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION♦♦

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service…

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 Phil Davidson

ANTHEM "Jesus, You're Everything" JOHN AND SANDY PATTI HELVERING
Donna Schaad, alto, Mark Stratemeyer, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Luke 12:13-21

SERMON "Bigger Barns" Eric Heinekamp

***HYMN #716** vs 1-3 "God Whose Giving" R. EDWARDS BEACH SPRING
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 Phil Davidson
There are many ways to give of yourself to the church: 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. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org.*

SONG OF OFFERING "Trusting In the Savior" arr. M. WARE
Men's Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR DEDICATION**

***HYMN** #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" A. A. SPIRITUAL
I'm gonna live so – God can use me – anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so – God can use me – anywhere, Lord, anytime.

"I'm gonna work"… "I'm gonna pray"… "I'm gonna sing"

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Amen! and Kum Ba Ya" ARR. R. VANDALL
Jan Novak, Linda Johnson Piano Duet
please remain seated for the postlude

♦*Ministry Matters*
♦♦Beth Merrill Neel

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Jan Novak, Linda Johnson, pianists
Donna Schaad, alto, Mark Stratemeyer, tenor
Men's Ensemble, Doug Phillips, Jim Burright, Mark Stratemeyer, Scott Hill, Kim Winger, Rich Olson, Dave Jones, and John Maynard. Directed by Donna Schaad.
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
John Maynard, van driver

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Lenore and John DeWaters, celebrating the imminent arrival of our overseas family.

Rev. Eric Heinekamp
The Rev. Eric Heinekamp has been serving as Transformational General Presbyter and Stated Clerk for Blackhawk Presbytery since August 2020. Prior to this call, Eric served as temporary supply pastor at First Presbyterian Church of DuPage and Director of Business Affairs for the Presbytery of Chicago. He is an ordained pastor in the PC(USA) and is active in the work of our denomination. Eric is a life-long presbyterian and a second career pastor. Prior to his call to ministry, Eric worked for over 20 years at JP Morgan Chase. He holds an MDiv from McCormick Theological Seminary and an MBA from the University of Michigan. Eric and his wife, Patty, have been married 42 years and live in Naperville. They have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren.

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 Fran Jones who passed away Thursday, July 28.**
- Continue prayers for **Shirley Barber (mother of Sandy Williams), Melissa Nimmers, Dan Truttmann (nephew of Jan Novak),** Jacob Paterson, Shirley Keim (mother of Becky Kallmann), recovering from COVID, Joyce Zartman, Kathy Moton, Ed Conklin, Cara Keller, Dustin Eklund, Julie Cook Ramirez, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, Katy Paterson, Cathy Toepfer, 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, Don Freedlund and Betty Haegg.

Congregational Meeting
Today after Worship we will be holding a Congregational meeting. We will vote on by-law revisions as they relate to a UCC designation of a Designated Pastor position as recommended by the Governing Council. Copies are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

The Thrift Shop is having a Grand Re-Opening starting weekly on Tuesday, August 2. 9:00 am - 11:00 am
The shop has been part of our church mission, First by supporting our Pre-School, then our neighbors, contributing finically to the church and purchasing needed items for the kitchen and Serious Soup. Thanks to those of you that continue to support our mission. Jean Reese, Helen Morse, Ann Boline, Audrey Miller, Roxy and Alice Uphouse. Masks are required.

Blessings of the Backpacks
No matter your age, backpacks are important! Join us Sunday, August 14, as we celebrate our annual Blessings of the Backpacks during worship.

Called to Care Program
For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lenore Lund @ldlund23@gmail.com or by phone @ 815-494-9646. Thank you.

Calendar at a Glance July 31–August 7, 2022

Sunday, July 31 **Preacher Eric Heinekamp** 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:15 AM – Congregational Meeting **Monday, August 1** 11:30 AM – Serious Soup	**Tuesday, August 2** 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 11:00 AM – Thrift Shop 6:00 PM - DVT **Wednesday, August 3** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting **Thursday, August 4** No Hospitality Team	**Friday, July August 5** No Scheduled Activities **Saturday, August 6** No Bridge Clinic **Sunday, August 7 Communion** Pulpit Talk Eleanor Babel 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store

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