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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — October 9, 2022
Order of Worship — 10:00am

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

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

PRELUDE "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" A. PEACE/ARR R. HOUSE

***WELCOME** Becky Erbe
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Ed Howard
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!
All: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.
Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.
All: God has poured such wonder into our lives!
Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!
All: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

***HYMN** #39 vs 1-3 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **REFRAIN**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **REFRAIN**

CALL TO CONFESSION♦♦
God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem to be ignored, our selfishness when prompted to give or share, our unfaithfulness when wandering from your way. We ask for your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ who gave all, that we might learn to do likewise…

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 Darlene Riddle

EARLY WORD Aubrey Barnett

Children will leave for Sunday School after the Early Word. Classes are on the 3rd Floor.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Bob Canfield

ANTHEM "Nocturne, Op. 9, No.1" F. CHOPIN

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 111

SERMON **"**Faith Resume**"** Becky Erbe

***HYMN** #846 vs 1,3,4 "Fight the Good Fight" D. STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

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 Darlene Riddle

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 "Joshua Fought The Battle of Jericho" SPIRITUAL/ARR. J. RANEY

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR DEDICATION** Darlene Riddle

***HYMN** #741 "Guide My Feet" A. A. Spiritual

Guide my feet, while I run this race, guide my feet, while I run this race
Guide my feet, while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.
Hold my hand, while I run this race …,
Stand by me, while I run this race….
I'm your child, while I run this race….
Search my heart, while I run this race….
Guide my feet, while I run this race…

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Toccata in E minor" J. PACHELBEL

please remain seated for the postlude

♦Nancy Townley *Ministry Matters*
♦♦John Birch, *Faith and Worship*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
Peter Joachim, van driver

The Flowers on the Chancel are in memory of Hugh and Tottie Johnson

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Cara Keller, Vernon Carter, Don Freedlund**,** Darlene Bull, Shirley Barber (mother of Sandy Williams), Dan Truttmann (nephew of Jan Novak), Joyce Zartman, Kathy Moton, Ed Conklin, Dustin Eklund, 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: Shirley Anderson, Arlene Snap, Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Phyllis Seeman, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, Don Freedlund, and Betty Haegg.

Nerf Battle Saturday, October 15, 4:00-6:00 pm.
Calling all youth and their friends! Join us for a fun time of Nerf battle games and pizza here at church. Contact: rachel.huffman@secondfirst.org to RSVP.

The Rockford Area CROP Hunger Walk is Next Sunday, October 16, 1:00 pm a 4K Stroll
The Stroll returns to the Riverfront Museum Park, 711 N. Main St. to address an ever growing food crisis around the world. The Rock River Valley Pantry has experienced an astounding 99% increase of individuals served over last year. Worldwide Hunger is growing at the same rate. The war in Ukraine and post-Covid inflation have dramatically increased food costs threatening other nations with actual famine. Come join others after reaching out to family and friends in person or on line, crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil, asking them to support your fight against hunger in Rockford and beyond.

Trip to Edwards Apple Orchard East Thursday, October 27, 1:00 pm
The Deacons/Fellowship team is going to the Edwards Apple Orchard East and we'd like you to join us. We are going to leave the church at 1:00 pm, or you can meet us there around 1:30 pm. Please contact Debbie in the office to let her know you are coming.

Jubilee Soup Kitchen Saturday, October 29, 10:00 AM
October 29, is just before Halloween! Can you join in the spooky fun? While we work from 10 am to about 1 pm. You can participate for any or all of that time. We are flexible. If you can be part of the October team, let Marge Maynard or Jean Herro know. Thanks for your help and prayers and support in the church budget!

Fall Cleanup Saturday, October 29, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Now that we have had the summer to enjoy the flowers it is time to do a fall cleanup. Please bring gloves, tools you like to use, water and your smiling face. If you bring a shovel, ask Phil Davidson for proper size and use. See you there.

Trunk or Treat: *NEW DATE* Sunday, October 30, 3:00 PM
Do you have a car? Does it have a trunk? Then we need you! Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event on SUNDAY, October 30, in our SecondFirst parking lot. We are hoping to have 30 cars to help us pass out candy. We plan to start setting up at 2:00 and will begin handing out candy from 3:00 until the candy runs out. Please contact the church office if you can attend. We are also in need of candy donations which can be dropped off at church.

Movable Trivia Contest: Haunted Rockford Saturday, October 29, 2:00-4:30
Jeremiah Development is hosting their 2nd Annual Moveable Trivia Contest. This fundraiser will be a spooky afternoon of challenging riddles and interesting haunted trivia. Grab some friends and put together a team. $35 for teams up to 5. This event is family friendly, and kids under 5 are free! Wear a team costume for the chance to win a prize for the most creative costume! To purchase tickets, call 815-627-0001 or email admin@jeremiahdevelopment.org.

Remembering and Being Remembered November 13 is Stewardship Commitment Sunday.
In his last supper Jesus asks his disciples to use the bread and cup as a way to remember him and all he taught them. He wanted them to understand both his sacrifice and the salvation he was offering. For what do you want to be remembered? Most would reply ‘as generous and giving.’ Sometimes our best memories of church are when we gave our time to a particular outreach program, when we helped a particular person in need, when we shared our talents in a way that really blessed the community around us. Consider how you want to be remembered this year as you spend your time, share your talents, and offer your tithes to our church’s ministry.

Thank You!
Last Sunday was World Communion Sunday. This is a day that Christian Churches all over the world share in the sacrament of Communion. To extend communion even more, each Household unit was given a loaf of bread to take home. Thank you so much to Katy Paterson and Alice Uphouse for making the bread possible. Pastor Becky

Calendar at a Glance October 9-October 16, 2022

Sunday, October 9 Stewardship Kickoff 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School No Fair Trade Store **Monday, Oct. 10** No Serious Soup 5:00 PM – Deacons/Fellowship	**Tuesday, Oct. 11** 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 12:00 PM – Bible Study 5:00 PM – Adult Ed Team **Wednesday, Oct. 12** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martin Ringers **Thursday, Oct. 13** 9:30 AM – Carillons 6:00 PM - Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	**Friday, Oct. 14** No Scheduled Activities **Saturday, Oct. 15** 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic 4:00 PM – Nerf Battle Event **Sunday, Oct. 16** **Pulpit Talk Jim Ozee** 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 1:00 PM – CROP Walk

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