



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

Trinity Sunday
Order of Worship

June 4, 2023
10:00am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks is strongly recommended.

PRELUDE

“Let Us Break Bread”

M. HAYES/D. WAGNER

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.

INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
Debbie Wise, soprano

L. WOLFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Leader: The blessing of God and the Lord be yours,

All: The blessing of the perfect Spirit be yours,

Leader: The blessing of the Three that's poured out be yours

All: And every part of our lives.

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns across the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

CALL TO TRANSFORMATION♦♦

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Leader: God, Creator of all—the mint plants, the roses, the sun, and the rain, each one of us:

All: We confess to you the times we have destroyed when you call us to create.

Leader: God, Redeemer of humanity through Jesus of Nazareth:

All: We confess to you the times we have not walked in Jesus' way of peace and justice.

Leader: God, Sustainer of all life through the power and presence of your Holy Spirit with us:

All: We confess to you the times we have taken our lives for granted.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

All: According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darlene Riddle

ANTHEM

“Count Your Blessings”
Debbie Wise, Soprano

E. EXCELL

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29: 11-14

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PULPIT TALK

“Can You Believe It? part 2”

Debbie Wise

***HYMN #370 vs 1-2**

“This Is My Fathers World ”

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world. O, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: When the time was right...again and again and again.

...And let us sing praises to the Lord singing;

Organ: All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you,
 God of pow - er and might; heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name.
 Ho - san - na in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high- est!

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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

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

SHARING THE FEAST

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, and Jesus himself is our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of Holy Communion is open to all, including children, and not merely members of this congregation or denominations. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God. In order to extend hospitality to more of God's children, the cup is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

"Voluntary In D"

H. HERON

*DOXOLOGY #606

***HYMN #542** vs 1-4

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sing Out, Earth and Skies”

J. COTTER

please remain seated for the postlude

♦ written by Katherine Hawker *Liturgies Outside*

♦♦ *Spacious Faith*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Richard Stiltner, choir director

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge, sound, video

Bob Langford, van driver

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 Donald Freedlund who passed away Friday, May 26. More information to follow.**
- Continue prayers for Lenore Lund, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Peter Joachim, Roseva Massenat, Richard Lierman, Sally Baker, Stephanie Cooper, Winona Beeman (mother of Holly), Sam Marlow, Cara Keller, Vernon Carter, Dustin Eklund, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, 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, Carol Eggleston, and Ruby Beckman.

We will be celebrating our Graduates in our midst. There is a special coffee hour with cake.

Come down and Congratulate our 2023 Class!

Justin Paul Hallberg graduated from Rockford University with his Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in project management. He is actively seeking employment in his chosen field.

Connor Roy Hallberg graduated with his diploma from Auburn High School. Connor aspires to become an electrician in his plans for the future.

Keigan Noel graduated from Guilford High School. He plans to continue his education as an undergraduate.

Nicholas Youman graduated from Stillman Valley High School. He plans on going to the University of Illinois, majoring in Crop Science.

Summerfield Farm and Zoo Today, June 4, 1:00 PM. Bring the Family, Pizza After Church

Gather your kids, grandkids, or friends and join FCE for a fun meetup at Summerfield Farm and Zoo in Belvidere on Sunday, June 4 around Families are invited upstairs for pizza after church (during our FCE meeting) and we will head to the zoo right after. They have several new animal babies and of course baby goats to feed. Admission: Adults \$14, Seniors \$12, children under 12 are \$10. See Jess Lindblade.

Church Landscape Clean Up Monday, June 12, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

There will be a beautification of our church landscape. There will be general flower bed cleanup, application of mulch, planting of flowers/shrubs and other projects as needed. Bring your favorite gardening tools and gloves. Hope to see many of you on the 12th. Any questions contact Ron Schaad.

Serious Soup Needs your Help

We need soup makers. We have some ingredients for you to use. We have chicken and ground beef in the freezer. We also have rice, pasta, beans, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, beef, and chicken broth. Sometimes we also have fresh potatoes and onions. See Arlene or Katy.

Join the Deacons Fellowship Team at the Historic Auto Attractions Sunday, June 25, 1:00 PM

It's not just cars. There's something for everyone! 13825 Metric Rd., Roscoe IL Call the office to let us know you are coming. Meet at the Museum, wait for everyone to arrive to get the group rate.

"Experience all the History and Artifacts that Historic Auto Attractions has to offer. Our museum is so much more than cars. With over 80,000 sq. ft. of exhibits including the world's largest collection of Presidential and World Leader's Limousines, a vast collection of Gangster Era vehicles and memorabilia, a large Elvis Presley display and memorabilia, TV Land cars, and Cars from Hit Movies such as Batman, Ghostbusters, and Back to the Future."

Prices: Adults: \$28, 62+ \$23, 7-17 \$17, under 7, free. Group rate: 10-19: \$25, more than 20: \$20. Below are coupons for buy one, get one 50% off. You must have a paper copy of the coupon.

<https://couponsforfun.com/illinois/il-historic-auto-attractions/>

Serious Soup Gets A Grant!

Our Serious Soup program has received a \$2500 grant from the Community Foundation. The monies will go a long way, including paying workers for an hour from the neighborhood. Thank you to Sarah Reinold who helped write and secure this grant. Way to go Serious Soup Team!

Calendar at a Glance June 4-June 11, 2023

Sunday, June 4 Graduates Pulpit Talk Debbie Wise 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM Graduate Reception 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 1:00 PM – Summerfield Zoo Monday, June 5 11:30 AM - Serious Soup	Tuesday, June 6 7:00 AM –Men’s PrayerBreakfast No Thrift Shop 6:00 PM – DVT Wednesday, June 7 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 5:30 Executive Committee Thursday, June 8 No Scheduled Activities	Friday, June 9 No Scheduled Activities Saturday, June 10 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic 5:00 PM – RUM Dinner Sunday, June 11 8:30 AM - Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School
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