



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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

Order of Worship

10:00 am

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

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

PRELUDE

“Kyrie”

J. S. BACH

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Katy Paterson

Leader: Come to God who gathers us in.

All: We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

Leader: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

All: We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

Leader: Come to God who journeys with us.

All: We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.

Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

***HYMN #81 vs 1-3**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to-assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

O God, Father that you are, you know what is right for us, but too often we only want our way or no way, instead of your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from you. Forgive us when we do not realize your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow you, Father that you are. We pray this through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

*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

Rachel Dewis

ANTHEM

“Adoration”

F. PRICE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Not A Pie Crust Crumbs Promise

Becky Erbe

*HYMN #69 vs 1-3

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

D. SCHUTTE

I, the Lord, of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you, calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you send me,

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Darlene Riddle

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

“Offertory”

F. PRICE

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Darlene Riddle

HYMN #5463 vs 1-3

“Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way, let no ear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festal March”

F. PRICE

please remain seated for the postlude

Join us after church today in the dining room for “Donuts for Dad.”

In observance of Juneteenth, three organ pieces by Florence Price will be offered during the worship service. Florence Price (1887-1953) is the first African-American woman composer to earn national recognition. An outstanding composer, teacher, pianist, and organist, she composed over 300 works for orchestra, choir, piano, organ, other instruments, and vocal soloists.

♦posted on *Worship Words*

♦♦author unknown. Posted in a worship order from *First Presbyterian Church*

Bob Bates, guest organist

Tim Riddle, van driver

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge, sound, video

*The Flowers on the Chancel are given by the Spindler family in honor of John and Mary’s
50th Wedding Anniversary.*

Prayer Requests

- We offer prayers, sympathy, and support for friends and family of Richard “Dick” H. Baker, III, who passed away Monday, June 12. Service Pending.
- We offer prayers, sympathy, and support for friends and family of Philip E. Chappel, brother of Julianne Chappel Elliott, who passed away May 28, in Florida. He was a Veteran and Eagle Scout.
- Continue prayers for Kathy Moton, Rick Gallegos, 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, Carol Eggleston, and Ruby Beckman.

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

It is not just cars. There is 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/>

Peanut Butter Drive

Donations of peanut butter & SunButter (for children with peanut allergies) in plastic jars only, jelly, &/or monetary donations are requested by Rock River Valley Pantry and will be distributed to needy kids for their summer vacation time away from school. The Rock River Valley Pantry serves more than 2,500 kids every month during the summer, when school lunch is not an option. Per Exec Dir Kim Adams-Bakke, "Peanut butter is high protein. It does not require any cooking, and it is something safe [that] kids can make for themselves while at home."! Let us overflow the large container at the back of our sanctuary with jars of peanut butter and jelly.

Check donations: write "RRVP Peanut Butter" on the memo line. A donation of \$20 will buy a 12-pack of 18-ounce jars of peanut butter. Thank you in advance for your generous hearts on behalf of our community's neediest children.

Your Mission Ministry Team

Calendar at a Glance June 18,-June 25, 2023

Sunday, June 18 Father's Day 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Donuts for Dad Monday, June 19 8:00 AM – Park District Begins 11:30 AM – Serious Soup	Tuesday, June 20 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:30 PM – Missions Ministry Wednesday, June 21 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 5:00 PM - Trustees Thursday, June 22 5:30 PM – Governing Council	Friday, June 23 No Scheduled Activities Saturday, June 24 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic Sunday, June 25 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 1:00 PM – Meet at Historic Auto Attractions
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