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Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — June 25, 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 "Canon in D" PACHELBEL

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Katy Paterson
Leader: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!
All: We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.
Leader: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.
All: We humbly praise God for such a gift!
Leader: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.
All: Praise be to God at all times and in all places!

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

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.

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!

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE
Leader: We are sinners…
All: we are not only sinners.
Leader: We are weak…
All: we are not only weak.
Leader: We fail…
All: we are not always failures.
Leader: We have destroyed…
All: also we have loved.
All: You, God, do not limit us to the stories by which the world knows us. You see much more in us than the labels we give ourselves. Give us courage to defy all expectations – especially our own – and in your love become all of who we are.

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 Aubrey Barnett

ANTHEM "Manha de Carnaval" L. BONFA
Julie Cook-Ramirez, classical guitar

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 21:8-21
Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Team Sarah Becky Erbe

***HYMN** #450 vs 1-4 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my vision, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 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 "Circle's End" S. MARSH
Julie Cook-Ramirez, classical guitar

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Darlene Riddle

HYMN #547 vs 1-3 "Go My Children" TRAD WELSH/J. VAJDA
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Prince of Denmark's March" CLARKE
please remain seated for the postlude

♦from *Ministry Matters*
♦♦written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on *holdthisspace.org*
Bob Bates, guest organist
Julie-Cook Ramirez, classical guitar
Katy Paterson, van driver
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge, sound, video

The Flowers are given by Lenore and John DeWaters in honor of their 10th Wedding Anniversary

Prayer Requests

- **We offer prayers, sympathy, and support for friends and family of Winona Beeman, mother of Holly Beeman, who passed away Friday, June 16.**
- Continue prayers for **Marianne Marlow, Linda Miller,** Kathy Moton, Rick Gallegos, Lenore Lund, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Peter Joachim, Roseva Massenat, Richard Lierman, Sally Baker, Stephanie Cooper, 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 Today, Sunday, June 25, 1:00 PM
It is not just cars. There is something for everyone! 13825 Metric Rd., Roscoe IL
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 We Need Your Help
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

Jubilee Soup Kitchen Saturday, July 29 10:00-1:00
Our next serving date at the Saturday Soup Kitchen at the Jubilee Center just west of the Emmanuel Episcopal church building. Marge is the Team Leader for the day, and your presence would be the perfect present for the day. We will work from 10 am to about 1 pm; whatever amount of time you can share, you will be welcomed! This Soup Kitchen is open every Saturday, year-round, holidays included, and is staffed on a rotation basis by a number of churches and service oriented groups. We here at SecondFirst are responsible for 6 Saturdays during the calendar year. Whether you are a fresh volunteer or are well-seasoned, let Marge know to expect you. Thanks!

Calendar at a Glance June 25,-July 2, 2023

Sunday, June 25 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 1:00 PM – Meet at Historic Auto Attractions **Monday, June 26** 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 6:30 PM – Worship/Music	**Tuesday, June 27** 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast **Wednesday, June 28** No Staff Meeting **Thursday, June 29** No Scheduled Activities	**Friday, June 30** No Scheduled Activities **Saturday, July 1** 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic **Sunday, July 2, Pulpit Talk Jim Ozee** 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store

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