



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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

August 20, 2023
10:00 am

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

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

PRELUDE

“Melody”

S. COLERIDGE TAYLOR

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Phil Davidson

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise you!

***Hymn #263**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of All! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his
grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him
Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown
him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We’ll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all! We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace.

All: Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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 Huffman

ANTHEM

“River Flows in You”
Julie Cook Ramirez, classical Guitar

YIRUMA

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Pastor Becky Erbe

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“All About the Coat”

Becky Erbe

***HYMN #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

K. LAFFERTY

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living god are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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

“Lagrima”

FRANCISCO TARREGA

Julie Cook Ramirez, classical guitar

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Darlene Riddle

Hymn #832

“Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

KWAKE YESU ASIMAMA

REFRAIN: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides. My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. **REFRAIN**

It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins. I'm redeemed and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. **REFRAIN**

When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne, my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. **REFRAIN**

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Morning On the Milkweed”

J. COTTER

please remain seated for the postlude

- ◆ Unknown
- ◆◆ Re: Worship

Julie Cook Ramirez, classical guitar
Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music
Tim Riddle, van driver
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge, sound, video

*The Flowers are given by Kim Craft
in memory of
JoAnn Craft from her Loving Family.*

Prayer Requests

- We offer prayers, sympathy and support **for the family and friends of Mary Young who passed away Saturday, August 12th. Memorial Service will be Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 11:30.**
- Continue prayers for **Sharon Ockerlander**, Sherry Lynn McDonald, Ivory, Linda Roy, Bethany Stiltner, Marianne Marlow, Linda Miller, Kathy Moton, Rick Gallegos, Lenore Lund, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Peter Joachim, Roseva Massenat, Richard Lierman, Sally Baker, Stephanie Cooper, Vernon Carter, Dustin Eklund, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, Cathy Toepfer, and Philip and 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: Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Arlene Snap, Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, Carol Eggleston, and Ruby Beckman.

Happy August Church Family!! Annual Picnic Sunday, August 20, 11:30 am Anna Page Park Pavilion Deacons Fellowship are excited to announce the return of the “potluck” portion of the church picnic. We will be returning to Anna Paige Park for our annual church picnic! Dig out your go to dish to pass recipes and join us August 20th after church. The bus will be running and we will be offering snacks to those waiting for festivities to begin. We will be having some children’s activities led by our Christian Ed Ministry team and are excited to ask everyone to stay for our new annual drone photo.

We are so excited to see everyone and go back to a great time of fellowship and gathering. We will be providing brats, hot dogs, and vegan hot dogs. We will also have water and lemonade. Desserts, salads, and other favorite dishes will be up to you! We cannot wait to see you all there!

Sincerely,
Your Deacons Fellowship Team

Church Landscape Clean-up Saturday, August 26th 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mark your calendar, create an event, put it on your refrigerator magnet! This is your opportunity to join in the fun had by all on Church Landscape Cleanup Saturday, August 26th; 8:00 am – 12 pm. Ron Schaad’s list of activities include but are not limited to; flower bed weeding, shrub pruning, and mulch spreading. Bring your favorite yard work tools. Remember your gloves and water/coffee. Oh, Ron reminded me, weed whacking has been added to the activity list. Bring your weed whacker if you can. See you Saturday, August 26th. Questions? Contact Ron Schaad.

It's here! The SecondFirst Merchandise Store is open!

We know you want shirts and hats to wear to church events, fellowship and volunteering and we now have many options for you to choose from. You can get the church logo on the upper right chest, the church logo full front OR you can choose the church logo on the upper right chest and a custom WordCloud on the back (Make sure to choose a shirt with "wordcloud" in the description). You can pick them up from Embroid This on North Second St. or choose to have them picked up at Church. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Archer.

Place your order at https://stores.inksoft.com/second_first

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 27

Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 27, during Sunday Worship. Make sure to invite anyone who has a child who might benefit from a positive sending off into the new school year, so of course make sure to bring your backpacks on that day!

We are Seeking... Maybe it's YOU!

Firstly, we are seeking any adults who have a passion for fishing and a knowledge of local spots! We have fishing rods and lures enough to take all the kids out for a fall fishing trip, but we need experts to come along to guide us. If you are interested, please contact Aubrey at aubrey.barnett@secondfirst.org right away. We are hoping to have a late September date.

Calendar at a Glance August 20,-August 27, 2023

Sunday, August 20 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School	Wednesday, August 23 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting Thursday, August 24 5:30 PM – Governing Council Friday, August 25 No Scheduled Activities	Saturday, August 26 8:00 AM – Grounds Cleanup Sunday, August 27 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School Blessing of the Backpacks
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