



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

First Sunday in Lent
Order of Worship

February 18, 2024
10:00 am

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

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

PRELUDE

“Meditation on Forty Days and Forty Nights”

J. Dixon

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INTROIT #314 verse 1 only

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

B. Farrell

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Katy Paterson

Leader: Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

All: We follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

All: We follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

All: We follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

All: We follow our faithful Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

All: We follow our faithful Lord.

***HYMN # 165**

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

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CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Becky Erbe

Hidden God,

we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table, our burdens and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting, our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties, the raw materials we ask You to bless and change, that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and in our desert experiences we may find You.

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

EARLY WORD

Rachel Huffman

ANTHEM

“Teach Me, Lord”
Sanctuary Choir, Lindsey Lancaster, soloist

L. McGlohon/arr. J. Coates

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

Becky Erbe

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Sermon for the First Sunday in Lent”

Becky Erbe

***HYMN # 339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

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

“Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Sanctuary Choir

D. Thrupp/M. McDonald

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR DEDICATION**

Darlene Riddle

***HYMN # 832**

“Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

KWAKE YESU ASIMAMA

***BENEDICTION**

Becky Erbe

POSTLUDE

“Softly and Tenderly”
please remain seated for the postlude

W. Thompson/arr. J. Raney

- ◆ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>
- ◆◆ excerpted from a longer prayer written by Rev. Scott McKenna, Minister of Edinburgh Mayfield Salisbury. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
Tim Riddle, van driver

***The Flowers on the Chancel
Happy Birthday Kyle***

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Brian and Patty Breuhaus and family (Lenore Lund and John DeWaters Son), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Jayne Pheiffer, Sharon Ockerlander, Bethany Stiltner, Linda Miller, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Peter Joachim, Sally Baker, Stephanie Cooper, Beckett Krieg, 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, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche, Carol Eggleston, and Ruby Beckman.

Lenten Worship Experience is from Wednesday, February 21 through Wednesday, March 20. We invite all to our Lenten Worship Experience. The evening starts with a Soup Supper at 5:30pm. in our Dining Room. The service will be in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:45pm and ending at 7:30pm. There will be music, prayer and meditation.

Calling all folks with bright smiles and friendly greetings. We would like to re-institute the practice of having greeters in the narthex before our Sunday Worship service. It would require arriving 20 to 30 minutes early and greet those arriving to welcome them to our worship. Please contact Jim Burrigh (815-218-9131 or jnlburr@comcast.net) or the church office if you are interested."

Alter Flower contributors, if you are interested in greeting on the day your flowers are on the Alter, please let Jim Burrigh (815-218-9131 or jnlburr@comcast.net) or the church office know.

Mission Ministry field trip to Rock River Valley Food Pantry has been rescheduled to take place on Friday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m. Come see how a small group of people distribute food to 100 people a day! Interested, please contact Karen Hill, call/text 815-742-0873.

Calendar at a Glance February 18, 2024 – February 25, 2024

<p>Sunday, February 18 Choir 8:30 AM – Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p>Monday, February 19 No Serious Soup – Presidents Day</p> <p>Tuesday, February 20 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Brkfst 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 12:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30 PM – Mission Ministry</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 21 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:30 PM – Soup Supper 5:30 PM – Martins 6:00 PM – Trustees Zoom 6:45 PM – Lenten Worship Experience</p> <p>Thursday, February 22 9:30 AM – Carillons 5:30 PM – Governing Council Hybrid 7:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, February 23 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, February 24 10:00 AM – El Shaddai Dining Room</p> <p>Sunday, February 25 Bells 8:30 AM – Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p>
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