



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Youth and Children Sunday
Order of Worship

April 7, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Arr. M. Hayes

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Nora Lancaster

Leader: Let's stand and praise God today.

All: Listen and look. Sing and pray.

Leader: The music starts. Time to sing.

All: Let God hear our voices ring.

Leader: Listen and look. Sing and pray.

All: Let's share the bread and cup today.

Leader: Blessed by God: Father and Son,

All: Holy Spirit, three in one.

***HYMN #32 vs 1-3**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Magnolia Duckmann

Sometimes we hurt each other a lot.

There are things we can fix and things we cannot.

God is kind and will show us the way to heal and hurt,

in God's time and in God's way.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***THE PEACE**

Tripp Duckmann

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Oh, brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for you Lord to hear.
Sing praises Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darlene Riddle

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”

Arr. King

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Presenter

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Puppet Presentation

Based on John 20:19-31

Children and Youth

LATER WORD

Madeline Archer

***HYMN #238 vs 1-3**

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Becky Erbe

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Josanny Massinat

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Becky Erbe

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: Let us give thanks to our God...joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses we sing these words...

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!

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

Sebastian Reinold

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

"Musette"

Anonymous

Madeline Archer, Abigail King, flutes

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Darlene Riddle

*HYMN #539 vs 1-3

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

*BENEDICTION

Nicholas Archer

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Arr. V. Labenske

please remain seated for the postlude

◆ posted on Trinity United Parish. <http://www.trinityunitedparish.org/lukeswordpress/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/April-10.pdf>

◆◆ Rev. Robert M. Thompson

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Richard Stiltner, choir director
Bob and Sue Saunders, greeters
Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
John Maynard, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers Jim Delmore, Linda Miller, Richard Lierman, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), 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, 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.

Bible Study and Lunch with Pastor Becky. Join Pastor Becky for a 6-week discussion study on the Lord's Prayer. **Beginning April 9**, we will meet Tuesdays from Noon until 1pm. Let Becky know if you are interested and she will send you the readings.

April 7 is Youth Sunday. Join us for our 10:00 worship as we celebrate our children and youth. The youth will participate in the service and there will be a puppet performance. The sermon will be given by Madeline Archer.

April 14 is the FCE Bowling Outing from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Park Lanes. See Aubrey for details.

Jubilee Center Soup Kitchen opportunity to serve. We are organizing the team that will prepare and serve lunch at the Jubilee Center on **Saturday April 20**. YOU can be part of this group who carry out Jesus' teaching to feed the hungry! This is open to members and non-members, first timers and well-seasoned workers, from middle schoolers to those who are well beyond school age! Let Marge Maynard know if you are interested and especially if you have questions. We can accommodate every schedule, every ability!

Calendar at a Glance April 7, 2024 – April 14, 2024

<p>Sunday, April 7 Youth Service Communion 8:30 AM – Coffee Class/Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p>Monday, April 8 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 5:00 PM – Deacons/Fellowship</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 9 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 4:30 PM – Adult Ed Zoom</p> <p>Wednesday, April 10 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martins</p> <p>Thursday, April 11 9:30 AM – Carillons 6:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, April 12 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, April 13 9:00 AM - Bridge Clinic</p> <p>Sunday, April 14 Choir 8:30 AM – Coffee Class/Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 12:00 PM – FCE Bowling Outing</p>
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