



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

May 12, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Happiness Is the Lord”
String Band

I. Stanphill/arr. J. Burright

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Jim Burright

Leader: From comfortable pews, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

All: God gathers us in to give us the words to proclaim the gospel.

Leader: At kitchen sinks, at laptops and blackboards, at nursing stations:

All: Christ calls us to share in serving all creation.

Leader: In communities gathered to pray, in memories of those who served, in families grilling in the backyard:

All: The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.

***HYMN #275 vs. 1-4**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Becky Erbe

Leader: God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world,

All: but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened.

Leader: God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life,

All: different priorities, different loyalties, different values.

Leader: But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful,

All: and so we are drawn in to following its priorities, accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods.

Leader: God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful,

All: forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities, when we misunderstand their role in the world.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

*THE PEACE

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN # 15 vs 1-6

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darlene Riddle

EARLY WORD

Aubrey Barnett

ANTHEM

“Jesus Met the Woman at the Well”
Church Street String Band

Trad./arr. J. Burright

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

Becky Erbe

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“The Best Prayer”

Becky Erbe

*HYMN #465 vs 1-3

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

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

“Very Last Day”
Church Street String Band

P. Yarrow/P. Stookey,
arr. J. Burright

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Darlene Riddle

*HYMN # 837 vs. 1-3

“What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

Becky Erbe

please remain seated for the postlude

*The flowers on the Chancel are
in honor of all mothers everywhere and of our granddaughter Dot's 3rd birthday today.
from Bill and Sally Hoff.*

- ◆ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies blog. Visit that site for many other excellent worship resources
- ◆◆ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Church Street String Band: Jim Burright, guitar and vocals; Marilyn Hartzog, guitar and vocals; Doug Phillips, bass and vocals; Joyce Zartman, vocals and percussion; Bill Zartman, fiddle and vocals; Valerie Blair, hammered dulcimer

Bill and Sally Hoff, greeter

Greg Makulec, Janet Hendricks, ushers

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video

Tim Riddle, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the family and friends of **Carol Eggleston** who passed away May 8 after a long illness. Memorial service to be announced.
- Prayers for the family and friends of **Steve Tolodxi** who passed away April 18 in Biloxi Mississippi where Steve and his wife Linda had been living for several years. A celebration of Life will be held June 23, 2024 from 1pm-5pm at the American Legion Post- 1011 S. Alpine RD.
- Continue prayers for **Brad Delmore, John Livermore**, Jeanne Page, Ron and Donna Schaad, 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, Sharon Ockerlander, Bethany Stiltner, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, 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.

Muffins for Mom is today after worship. Please join us in the Dining Room for muffins and coffee for our Mother's Day Fellowship.

Church landscape cleanup will be Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Join us for a beautification of our church landscape day. There will be general flower bed cleanup, application of mulch, planting of flowers and other projects as needed. Bring your favorite gardening tools and gloves. Hope to see many of you on the 18th. Any questions, contact Jim Delmore 815-222-5534.

May 19!!! On Sunday May 19 we will be celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Please wear red!

Graduation Sunday- May 19

We will honor our Graduates! If you have someone graduation from High School, College or Technical school, please let the church know so we can honor them in worship.

Please let us know by Wednesday May 15.

2nd/1st Chopped Competition will be Sunday, May 19 after worship. This is an intergenerational cooking competition. Each pair of youth and adult chefs will be given ingredients to create a culinary delight before the clock stops. Contact Sarah Hallberg to sign up! Sarah.hallberg@comcast.net.

Calendar at a Glance May 12, 2024 – May 19, 2024

Sunday, May 12 8:30 AM – Coffee Class/Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:00 AM – Muffins for Mom	Wednesday, May 15 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Trustees	Saturday, May 18 No Scheduled Activities
Monday, May 13 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 5:00 PM – Deacons / Fellowship	Thursday, May 16 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Choir
Tuesday, May 14 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 4:30 PM – Adult Ed	Friday, May 17 No Scheduled Activities	Graduation Sunday 8:30 AM – Coffee Class/Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:15 AM – Chopped Competition

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