



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

May 5, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. G. Near

WELCOME

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.

Becky Erbe

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

Kris Harden

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

All: Love one another!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

All: No longer servants but friends!

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

***HYMN #245 vs 1-4**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN 15 vs 6** "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFRUEN
O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, son, and Holy Spirit Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

ANTHEM

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Dorothy Paige-Turner

T. Chilsolm/W. Runyan

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48

Jim Ozee

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

"Sunday Best"

Jim Ozee

***HYMN #475 vs 1-3**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Becky Erbe

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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: Oh holy God, we give you thanks and praise....

....And so in joy we join our voices to those of the saints who sing these words forever:



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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Marge Maynard

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

"Falling in Love With Jesus"

J. Butler

Dorothy Paige-Turner

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Marge Maynard

*HYMN #539 vs 1-3

"We Will Go Out With Joy"

A. Donaldson/H. S. Donaldson

*BENEDICTION

Becky Erbe

POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power"

J. Raney

please remain seated for the postlude

◆ From Friends of God: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain.

◆◆ posted on the PCUSA website. <http://www.pcusa.org/>

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Katy Paterson, greeter

Phil & Shirley Davidson, Troy & Andrea Akerman, Bob Canfield, Jay Baker, Communion servers

Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video

John Maynard, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for **Jeanne Page**, Ron and Donna Schaad, 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, 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.

Bruce Johnson's memorial visitation and service will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Memorial visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in our SecondFirst Church Sanctuary.

Euchre Night will be Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in our Dining Room. We had such a great time at the last Euchre Night that we are scheduling one each second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun! Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Don't know how to play? We will teach you. Questions? Call Linda Johnson or Katy Paterson.

Muffins for Mom will be on Sunday, May 12 after worship. after worship. Please join us in the Dining Room for muffins and coffee for our Mother's Day Fellowship.

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 5, 2024 – May 12, 2024

<p>Sunday, May 5 Communion Jim Ozee Dorothy Paige Turner 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, May 6 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 1:00 PM – Hospitality</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 7 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 12:00 PM – Bible Study 6:00 PM – DVT and Ad Hoc Hybrid</p> <p>Wednesday, May 8 10:00 AM – Bruce Johnson Service 6:30 PM – Euchre Party</p> <p>Thursday, May 9 No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p>Friday, May 10 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, May 11 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>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 11:15 AM – Muffins for Mom</p>
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