



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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

October 13, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Loure”
Synchronia Duo

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

All: but Christ who chose us,

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness

All: but because of Christ's grace,

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

All: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

All: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

HYMN #307 vs. 1-4

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

Becky Erbe

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Leader: Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.

All: We put our trust in material things.

Leader: We worry about things we cannot change.

All: We wonder if you are even there at all.

Leader: For all the times we have doubted you, Lord,

All: forgive us.

Leader: For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people,

All: forgive us.

Leader: Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help.

All: Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Hospitality Team

EARLY WORD

ANTHEM

“Romance”
Synchronia Duo

D. Milhaud

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-8; 10-11, Philippians 4:4-9

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LATER WORD

Pulpit Talk
“The Peace of God”

Katy Paterson

HYMN #370 vs. 1-2

“This is My Father’s World”

MUNICH

PASTORAL PRAYER

Becky Erbe

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

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

“Andate”
Synchronia Duo

Pleyel

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

“Allegro”

W. Walond

*please remain seated for the postlude**The flowers on the chancel are dedicated by Deacons Fellowship enhancements*

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Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Linda Oshita, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Bob Langford, van driver

Synchronia Duo is a violin duo formed in 2018 by Kathryn Siegel and Marty Hackl. In addition to playing as a duo and teaching violin and viola, they play with the Elgin and Rockford Symphony orchestras.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the family and friends of Dorothy Westcott who passed away October 3, 2024. Services were held here yesterday.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Cathy Toepfer (Jackie Chamberlain’s daughter) who passed away October 1, 2024. Per Cathy’s wishes a private service will be held.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Ruth Brynolf who passed away October 2, 2024. Ruth was the mother of our church book keeper, Nancy Yoeckel.
- Continue prayers for Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, Chris Bayar (son-in-law of Holly Beeman), Brad Delmore, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, 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, 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: Linda Roy, Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: At SecondFirst Church we feel it is important for families to worship together. Do not feel that your child must be absolutely quiet and still. We can't overlook children's ability to worship even though they wiggle, giggle and drop hymnals. We are glad to have our children in worship! As Christ taught us, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me." (Matt. 18:5) For those who prefer, we do offer Sunday school for preschool through elementary school age children. Class meets on the third floor. We also offer childcare which is also on the third floor.

Rock River Valley Pantry needs --- Boxes of cereal, pasta, cans/jars of spaghetti sauce, and/or canned vegetables and fruits. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller.

Cleaning Closets? The Thrift Shop is in need of towels, sheets, blankets, men's clothing, kitchen ware, Fall and Christmas decorations. Drop donations off between 9am-1pm Monday through Thursdays at the church.

Hurricane Helene Response. Both our denominations PCUSA and UCC have set up ways to donate to the Hurricane Helene victims. If you would like to help, please consider visiting UCC.org or PCUSA.org to learn how you can donate.

Serious Soup continues to feed record numbers of people! We can use donations of jelly or jam, Italian dressing, crackers and soup. Homemade soups are especially popular! We go through about 5 gallons of soup each Monday. Any amount is welcome. Thank you from the Serious Soup Team and our hungry neighbors.

Please join the ACLU of Illinois, the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to learn more about your rights as a voter in Illinois and how elected officials impact the issues you care about. Our Fight, Our Future is happening Tuesday, October 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM at SecondFirst. Questions? Please contact us at events@aclu-il.org

Pumpkin Bars and Cider Sunday, October 27, after Church in the Dining Room. Please join us for fellowship, Pumpkin Bars and Cider.

Calendar at a Glance
October 13, 2024 – October 20, 2024

<p><u>Sunday, October 13</u> Katy Paterson- Pulpit Talk 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p> <p><u>Monday, October 14</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Deacons/Fellowship</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 15</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 16</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 12:00 PM- United Way 5:30 PM- Trustees 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers 6:00 PM- Arc in the Gym</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 17</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 7:00 PM- Choir 7:00 PM- El Shaddai (dining room)</p>	<p><u>Friday, October 18</u> Office is closed</p> <p><u>Saturday, October 19</u> No scheduled Activities</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 20</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 1:00 PM- Crop Walk</p>
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