



## Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

*Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace*

Easter

April 20, 2025

Order of Worship

10:00 am

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

*No matter where you are on life's journey, no matter who you are, where you are from,  
whatever doubts and joys you bring, no matter who you love, you are and always will be welcome  
here to worship at SecondFirst Church!*

**PRELUDE**

Victory

A. Bullard

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marge Maynard

Leader: Early on the first day of the week,  
the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb.

**All: They found the stone had been rolled away  
and the tomb empty.**

Leader: Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,  
on the first day of the week,  
to celebrate the good news of the gospel:

**All: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!**

**INTROIT**

Fanfare and Hymn for the Risen Savior  
Choir, Brass

B. Leech/ A. Pote

**\*HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**1** Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

**2** Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

**3** Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

## **CALL TO TRANSFORMATION♦♦**

### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION♦♦**

**On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth about our lives. We are sinking under the piles of shame, judgement, and self-pity, feeling closer to hell than heaven. Christ, rend our veil of tears. Restore us. Renew us. Revive us.**

*One Minute of silent reflection*

### **WORDS OF GRACE♦♦**

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus is alive!  
We are drenched in radiating mystery:  
God is with us.  
Receive the wonderful news:  
We are made alive in Christ!

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

### **EARLY WORD**

Aubrey Barnett

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Reader: The Word of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **ANTHEM**

He is Not Here! He Has Risen!  
Sanctuary Choir and Brass

A. Pote

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24: 1-12

Martha Langford

Reader: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **LATER WORD**

Risen!

**\*HYMN #254 vs. 1-3**

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright    PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE 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**

*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](http://secondfirst.org). Text to give is live! Text Give \$\_\_ to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Martha: [martha.langford@secondfirst.org](mailto:martha.langford@secondfirst.org).*

### **SONG OF OFFERING**

He Is Risen  
Sanctuary Choir and Brass

S. Boersma/C. Courtney

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Chris. Amen.

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

Thine is the Glory

MACCABEUS

### **\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

### **HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

*from Messiah*

G. Handel

### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata, *from Symphony V*  
*please remain seated for the postlude*

C-M. Widor

♦ *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. Year C, Vol 1.*

♦♦ *Call to Worship. Year C, Vol 55.1*

Alice Uphouse , greeter  
Wes Hegge, sound, video  
Katy Paterson, van driver

Logan Wooden, trumpet  
Paul Carlini, trumpet  
Logan Nalley, trombone  
Dennis Meacham, tuba

*The flowers on the communion table are in loving memory of Duane R. DeWall and Mary Beth DeWall from Alice, Rebecca and Sarah.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue prayers for **Sue Saunders**, Wes Hegge, Katy Paterson, Nina Jawnyj (Aunt of Jess Lindblade), David Jones, Doug and Pom Olson, Richard Cook, Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Joyce Pogue, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Sally Baker, 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, 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

### Calendar at a Glance April 20, 2025- April 27, 2025

<p><b><u>Sunday, April 20</u></b>  <b>Easter</b>  10:00 AM - Worship Service  10:20 AM - Sunday School</p> <p><b><u>Monday, April 21</u></b>  Office is Closed</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, April 22</u></b>  7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast  9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, April 23</u></b>  10:00 AM - Staff Meeting  6:00 PM- Martin Ringers</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, April 24</u></b>  9:30 AM- Carillons  4:00 PM- DVT  7:00 PM- Choir  7:30 PM- El Shaddai(Heritage Library)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, April 25</u></b>  Office is closed</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, April 26</u></b>  No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, April 27</u></b>  10:00 AM - Worship Service  10:20 AM - Sunday School  11:00 AM- Annual Meeting  3:00 PM- Ring In Spring</p>
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## *Many thanks to everyone who participated in our lovely Easter Garden*

\*Karen Hill

\*Zan Picchioni with a grateful heart for my beloved family and for my 2<sup>nd</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> family of friends.

\*Steve and Peg Showers- our parents.

\*Peter and Ann Boline- Blessings for the Borner and Boline families.

\*Valerie Blair- in memory of Orville and Elsie Blair and in honor of Phil and Kay Blair.

\*Jens Hedegaard

\*Sally Baker- in honor of Dick Baker.

\*Linda and Jaxon Oshita- in memory of Margaret and Jack Oshita, Candy McVay and Amy Oshita.

\*Susan Vetrone and Linda Oshita- in memory of Rae and Burdette Anderson, Dorothy and Marshall Anderson.

\*Susan Vetrone, Linda and Jaxon Oshita- in memory of Clarke J. Vetrone, Sr.

\*Tim and Darlene Riddle- in honor of our parents.

\*Kristen Duckmann- in honor of Mickey Filbeck.

\*Jennifer, Eric, Madeline, Nicholas, Rhiannon and Kayleigh Archer- in memory of grandparents, Rae and Burdette Anderson and Jack and Margaret Oshita.

\*Jennifer, Eric, Madeline, Nicholas, Rhiannon and Kayleigh Archer- in memory of Marsh and Dorothy Anderson.

\*Jennifer, Eric, Madeline, Nicholas, Rhiannon and Kayleigh Archer- in memory of John and Marie Archer, Roger and Marilyn Fisher and Alice Fisher and Grant Fisher.

\*Jennifer, Eric, Madeline, Nicholas, Rhiannon and Kayleigh Archer- in memory of Ted Layton.

\*Jennifer Archer- in memory of my friend and mentor Maureen Dorn.

\*Bob Canfield- in memory of Caren Canfield.

\*Bryan McDonald- in memory of Sherry Lynn McDonald.

\*Kristina Pando

\*Bill and Leah Baskin

\*Norman and Collette Miner Fry- in loving memory of our parents Rev. Ralph and Pauline Fry and John and Dorothy Miner.

\*James and Diane Pippel for Jacob and Helen Pippel.

\*Lenore Lund and John Dewaters- to the glory of seasons.

\*John and Marge Maynard- in honor of our families.

\*Bill and Sally Hoff- in honor of Betty Klingensmith.

\*Kathy Moton for Robert Stock.

\*Jim Burrright and family- in memory of Linda and Lucy Burrright.

\*Jay Baker- for Ralph and Dorothy Key.

\*Bill and Joyce Zartman- in honor of Ann and Ryan Zartman.

\*Judy Wyatt- in loving memory of Craig, Robert and Bradley Wyatt and John Pieper.

\*Joyce Pogue- in honor of our Sunday morning greeters, ushers and bus drivers.

\*Kim Craft- in loving memory of JoAnn Craft.

\*John and Mary Spindler- in honor of our children and grandchild: Ashley, Annie, Ricky and Ricky III.

\*Liz Dickinson- in honor of my brother James B. Question.

\*Sarah Reinold- in memory of Kurt Reinold.

\*Janet Hendricks- in memory of Ann Hickey.

\*Chris and Matt Butterbaugh- in memory of their father.

*For those who provided flowers and would like to take them home, Deacons Fellowship requests you take a seat in the front pews and your plants will be brought to you. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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