



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

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Trinity Sunday  
Order of Worship

May 26, 2024  
10:00 am

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

**PRELUDE**

“O Living Breath of God”

V. Friska/arr. A. K. Organ

**WELCOME**

Katy Paterson

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Katy Paterson

Leader: We gather to meet with God

**All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

Leader: To give God praise

**All: And to seek God's face**

Leader: To bring before God all our days

**All: And every part of our lives**

Leader: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, draw near to us

**All: As we draw near to you.**

**\*HYMN #1 vs 1-4**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty!”

NICEA

**CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

Phil Davidson

Leader: Holy Spirit of God, invisible like the wind, we do not see you moving among us, but the effect we see— come to our hearts:

**All: that we may be renewed and reborn.**

Leader: Open our minds:

**All: that we may perceive your kingdom.**

Leader: Lift up our eyes to where the cross of Christ stands for our healing:

**All: so may we believe, and in believing not die but have eternal life; through him who in your love for us you sent into the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

## ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace, with Un Sospiro”

Liszt/J. Raney

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

David Jones

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## LATER WORD

“A Balancing Act Called the Church”

David Jones

## \*HYMN #69 vs 1-3

“I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Davidson

## 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](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 Becky: [becky.erbe@secondfirst.org](mailto:becky.erbe@secondfirst.org).*

## SONG OF OFFERING

“Fugue in G Minor”

J. S. Bach

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

## \*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Marge Maynard

## \*HYMN #826 vs 1-4

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

## \*BENEDICTION

David Jones

*please remain seated for the postlude*

## POSTLUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

A. Showalter/arr. J. Raney

*"The flowers are given as a symbol of remembrance and respect to our fallen soldiers, and as a sign of appreciation to our veterans by Adrian and Josh Crow. Adrian and Josh are also celebrating their 7th wedding anniversary today."*

◆ written by Tim Watson in “Sunday Morning Prayer,”

◆◆ written by Michael Seward. Posted on The Jubilate Group website.

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Josh and Adrian Crow, greeters

Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video

Katy Paterson, van driver

## Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the family and friends of **Ruby Beckman** who passed away May 20 after a long illness. Memorial service to be announced.
- Continue prayers for Nancy Gallegos, 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, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, and Charles Rosche.

## Announcements

**The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering** reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

**The Pentecost Offering** and Strengthen the Church offerings may be taken anytime. “When donors give generously to the Pentecost Offering, it proves that our church and its members really want to empower young people and bring them into the church,” Collins said. “It goes beyond just words and sends a message to young people that there is advocacy work to be done within the church and we would like them to be a part of it.” To learn more about “Collins”, follow this link.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/pentecost-offering-sends-children-youth-and-young/>

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Please place your "Strengthen the Church" offering or "Pentecost Offering" in the offering baskets at worship on Sundays, mail in your offerings to church. (Note offering on memo line of your check)

**FCE Fishing Outing will be Sunday, June 2** at 12:00 P.M. in our local and beautiful Rock Cut State Park. Fishing poles, bait, hotdogs will be provided. RSVP to Jess Lindblade Text: 847-312-6721 [jessie0361@aol.com](mailto:jessie0361@aol.com)

**Rock River Valley Pantry requests Peanut Butter and MORE Peanut Butter!** It's that time of year to help make sure the peanut butter inventory is in great shape at the Rock River Valley Pantry. Jars of any kind of nut butter are needed. The Pantry is able to buy 12 jars of peanut butter for \$20.00. Donate online at [www.rrvp.org](http://www.rrvp.org), or mark Pantry in the Memo line of your check made out to SecondFirst Church.

We need a few volunteers to work with people from Court St. and Emmanuel Episcopal to tend the **Jeremiah Development Garden**. We gather Saturday mornings from 9:00 -11:00. NO gardening experience needed! We provide the tools, just bring your gloves. If you are willing to help out occasionally, please contact Judy Wyatt 815-977-7607. Thank you.

Sue and Bob Saunders wish to honor their grandchildren 2024 graduates: Ashley & Brady Henning graduated from Keller Central High School in Fort Worth, Texas and both will be attending University of North Texas in the Fall. Jack Saunders graduated from Jefferson High School in Rockford, Illinois and will be attending Columbia College, Chicago in the Fall.

### Calendar at a Glance May 19, 2024 – May 26, 2024

<p><b>Sunday, May 26</b>  <b>David Jones</b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School          11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p><b>Monday, May 27 Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 28</b>          7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast          9:00 AM – Thrift Shop</p> <p><b>Wednesday, May 29</b>          10:00 AM – Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 30</b>          No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b>Friday, May 31</b>          No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 1</b>          10:30 AM – Jubilee Soup Kitchen</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 2</b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School          11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store          12:00 PM – FCE Fishing Outing</p>
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