



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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

July 14, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou”

M. Dupre

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Marge Maynard

Leader: We come here shouting, our voices lifted in praise.

All: We come here singing, our songs full of joy.

Leader: We come here dancing, our hearts rejoicing.

All: To the Holy One who is worthy, all praise and glory forevermore!

***HYMN #49 vs. 1-4**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Becky Erbe

Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us? Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: In Christ, God's transformation of us has come; God's peace kisses our cheeks, wiping away our tears, and faithfulness takes us by the hand to lead us home to God.

All: God has called us, God has claimed us, God has redeemed us. This is good news for all of creation! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ 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.

ANTHEM "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. A. M. David

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14 Becky Erbe

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD "Blind Faith" Becky Erbe

***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. 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 "Prelude in C" J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR DEDICATION** Marge Maynard

***HYMN #757 vs. 1-4** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

***BENEDICTION** Becky Erbe

please remain seated for the postlude

POSTLUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" J. Raney

*The flowers on the Chancel are
in memory of loved ones by Julie Elliott.*

- ◆ written by Thom Shuman (2006), and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot>.

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Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Jim Burrigh, greeter
Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers
Wes Hegge sound, video
Katy Paterson, van driver

Prayer Requests -

- Continue prayers for Donna Larson, Bill Zartman, Nancy Gallegos, Brad Delmore, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Ron and Donna Schaad, 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, 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, Charles Rosche.

Too Hot To Be Outside? Now is your chance to **watch some movies for our Summer Movie Series**.
July 21- The Song of Bernadette- Black and White Classic! May need a box of Kleenex
July 28- The Straight Story- Hero's journey to redemption.

Serious Soup is helping who they can with what they have to work with. Every Monday, Serious Soup serves up a healthy portion of God's love and grace to His children and our neighbors. This past Monday EIGHTY healthy and nutritious lunches were served by our faithful Serious Soup volunteers.

Plan to come to church on **Thursday evening, July 18th at 6 pm** to enjoy some at an **Ice Cream Social** sponsored by the Deacons/Fellowship Team. And if your canine companion is drooling over the idea of ice cream, they are welcome too! There will be dog-friendly frozen treats for them and camaraderie.

Our next opportunity to **serve lunch at the Jubilee Center** (across Park Ave., in the Emmanuel Episcopal parking lot) is **Saturday, July 20**. It's still a mystery as to what we will prepare but I assure you it will be delicious! This one-off team is open to all persons, members and friends, age from middle school to whatever, first timers and anyone who has ever at any time participated. **We gather at 10 am** and usually finish by 1 pm, and are open to shorter time commitments. Please contact Marge Maynard (mtm.home@me.com) if you are definitely or even possibly interested!

Look for other Second/First members in the audience and maybe even on the stage **at the Sinnissippi Band Shell on Tuesday, July 30th at 7 pm**. The Rock Valley Summer Festival is performing in the Rockford Park District's Music in the Park Series.

Jeremiah Development Garden is in need a few volunteers to work with people from Court St. and Emmanuel Episcopal to tend the **Jeremiah Development Garden**. All levels of gardening experience are welcome! Join this group as they gather Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tools are provided, but you can bring your favorite tool along with your gloves. Interested in helping out? Please contact Judy Wyatt 815-979-7607. Thank you.

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. Steve Showers delivered 8 pounds to RRVP so far this month. Donate online at www.rrvp.org, or mark Pantry in the Memo line of your check made out to SecondFirst Church.

Calendar at a Glance July 14, 2024 – July 21, 2024

<p>Sunday, July 14 Movies Series 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p>Monday, July 15 11:30 AM – Serious Soup</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 16 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 5:30 PM – Missions</p> <p>Wednesday, July 17 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:30 PM – Trustees</p> <p>Thursday, July 18 6:00 PM – Ice Cream Social</p>	<p>Friday, July 19 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, July 20 10:00 AM – Jubilee Soup Kitchen</p> <p>Sunday, July 21 Movies Series 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p>
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