



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

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

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Order of Worship

July 21, 2024  
10:00 am

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

**PRELUDE**

"Adoration"

F. Price

**WELCOME**

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marge Maynard

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Marge Maynard

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

**All: God is there with us.**

Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

**All: God is there with us.**

Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory,

**All: God is there with us.**

Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

**All: God is there with us, always.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

**\*HYMN**

"Hail Mary Most Blessed"

trad. Lourdes tune/S. Smyth

Jim Burright leading

1. Hail, Mary, most blessed, the Mother of God, and given by Jesus as mother of all.

REFRAIN: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

2. The angels' great message, the birth of God's Son, required your acceptance so graciously giv'n.

REFRAIN

3. You cared for your cousin and joy swelled your heart. You voiced all our hopes in your Magnificat.

REFRAIN

4. A stable for shelter, in labour and love, you welcomed your baby, God's gift from above.

REFRAIN

5. The angels and shepherds first witnessed Christ's birth. The kings show God's message is for the whole earth.

REFRAIN

## CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

### PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Darlene Riddle

Leader: For Spirits closed to the movement and newness you would bring to our lives.

**All: Transform us O God.**

Leader: For hearts unwilling to name to you what we complain about among ourselves.

**All: Transform us O God.**

Leader: For hands clenched too tightly around the abundance of gifts we enjoy when others go wanting.

**All: Transform us O God.**

Leader: For faith that presumes we can only pray about what is good and not lament what is wrong.

**All: Transform us O God.**

Leader: May your Holy Spirit grace us with transformation that heals, that opens, that encourages.

*One Minute of silent reflection*

## WORDS OF GRACE

### \*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

“I Surrender All”

van DeVenter/Werden

Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Becky Erbe

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## LATER WORD

Marge Maynard

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Believe”

Drake, Graham,

Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

Shirl, Stillman

## 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](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

“If You Believe,”  
Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

C. Smalls

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

## \*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Marge Maynard

## \*HYMN # 839 vs 1-3

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

## \*BENEDICTION

Becky Erbe

*please remain seated for the postlude*

## POSTLUDE

“Laudes Domine”

Aar. J. Ferguson

*The flowers on the Chancel are  
in memory of loved ones by Joyce and Bill Zartman.*

♦ written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.



Valerie Blair, organist, pianist  
Bill and Joyce Zartman, greeters  
Karen Hill, Greg Makulec, ushers  
Wes Hegge, sound, video  
Tim Riddle, van driver

## Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for 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, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

## Announcements

Too Hot To Be Outside? Now is your chance to **watch some movies for our Summer Movie Series**.  
July 28- The Straight Story- Hero’s journey to redemption.

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

We hope you're saving the date of **August 18th** and plan to attend the **Church Picnic at Anna Page Park!** Brats and hot dogs will be provided to accompany your favorite potluck dishes. Food, fun and fellowship are always enjoyed at this annual picnic.

**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. 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. The Pantry is able to buy 12 jars of peanut butter for \$20.00. Donate online at [www.rvp.org](http://www.rvp.org), or mark Pantry in the Memo line of your check made out to SecondFirst Church.

**Calendar at a Glance  
July 21, 2024 – July 28, 2024**

<p><b>Sunday, July 21 Movie Series</b> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p><b>Monday, July 22</b> 8:00 AM – Park District Camp 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 6:30 PM – Worship/Music Zoom</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, July 23</b> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM – Park District Camp</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 24</b> 8:00 AM – Park District Camp 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 25</b> 8:00 AM – Park District Camp 5:30 PM – DVT</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 26</b> No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 27</b> No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 28 Movie Series</b> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p>
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