



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

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

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Order of Worship

July 7, 2024  
10:00 am

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

**PRELUDE**

“Rondo” from Praise to the Lord Almighty  
Jan Novak and Linda Johnson, organ duet

arr. Burkhardt

**WELCOME**

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Children in grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.*

Becky Erbe

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Leader: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

**All: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.**

Leader: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

**All: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.**

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

**All: : Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Lord.**

Kris Delmore

**\*HYMN #475 vs 1-3**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

**CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

Leader: Holy One of Nazareth, We see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life,

**All: Yet we still struggle to trust you.**

Leader: You send us out,

**All: But we want to stay home.**

Leader: You provide partners for the journey,

**All: But we want to go it alone.**

Leader; You give us authority over evil,

**All: but we don't know how to use it.**

Leader: You say we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,

**All: But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools and toys. We make sure our phones are charged and our GPS is on.**

Leader: You tell us to accept hospitality,

**All: But we don't like to put people out.**

Leader: You say that if people are unkind, we should simply shake the dust off of our feet,

**All: But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.**

Becky Erbe

Leader: We have much to learn from you, Jesus, about traveling gracefully through this life.

**All: Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust.**

*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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

## ANTHEM

“Elevation”

F. Couperin

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Hebrews 13:2

Kristine Delmore

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## LATER WORD

“Stronger Angels”

Kristine Delmore

## \*HYMN #649 vs 1-5

“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Becky Erbe

Kristine Delmore

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right and a privilege and joy to praise you....

...and so in praise and with great thanks we join our voices of the heavenly host who sing to your glory singing:

Organ: All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you,  
 God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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**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**

**BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE**

**SHARING THE FEAST**

*An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, and Jesus himself is our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of Holy Communion is open to all, including children, and not merely members of this congregation or denominations. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God. In order to extend hospitality to more of God’s children, the cup is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten free.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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**

“Canon” from Praise to the Lord Almighty  
 Jan Novak and Linda Johnson, organ duet

arr. Burkhardt

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**\*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION**

Marge Maynard

**\*HYMN #547 vs 1-3**

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Trad. Welsh/J. Vajda

**\*BENEDICTION**

Kristine Delmore

**POSTLUDE**

“Siciliano” from Praise to the Lord Almighty  
Jan Novak and Linda Johnson, organ duet

arr. Burkhardt

*please remain seated for the postlude*

◆ Ministry Matters

◆◆ written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com>

**Prayer Requests -**

- Continue prayers for George Bull, 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.

**Euchre Night July 10 at 6:30 pm in the Dining Room**

We had another fun night playing euchre. We also always have great snacks. Whether you’re a seasoned player, a novice or somewhere in between, we’d love to have you join us at 6:30 on July 10th in the dining room. **Questions? Contact Katy Paterson or Linda Johnson.**

Too Hot To Be Outside? Now is your chance to **watch some movies for our Summer Movie Series.**

July 14- The Book of Eli.

Yes, it does contain violence and is apocalyptic in nature but with a good plot twist.

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.

**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. 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.

## Calendar at a Glance July 7, 2024 – July 14, 2024

<p><b>Sunday, July 7 Kristine Delmore</b>  <b>Jan N &amp; Linda O Organ Duet</b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School          11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p><b>Monday, July 8</b>          11:30 AM – Serious Soup          5:00 PM – Deacons/Fellowship</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, July 9</b>          7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 10</b>          10:00 AM – Staff Meeting          6:00 PM – Euchre Night</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 11</b>          No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 12</b>          No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 13</b>          No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 14 Movies Series</b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School          11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p>
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