



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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Order of Worship

October 6, 2024  
10:00 am

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

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

**PRELUDE** "Cornet Voluntary" H. Heron

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Marge Maynard

**WELCOME** Becky Erbe

**CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Marge Maynard

Leader: Long ago, at different times and in various ways,

**All: God spoke to our ancestors through the Hebrew prophets.**

Leader: But in these last days,

**All: we have heard God's voice through His Son, Jesus Christ, who has been given dominion over all things and through whom all worlds were made.**

Leader: He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command;

**All: the One who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death;**

Leader: the One who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.

**All: This is our God! Let's worship together.**

**HYMN #4** vs. 1-4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOTT

**CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦** Darlene Riddle

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

Merciful Lord, you know that we are stubborn and willful. We believe that we know the right way to do everything and to heal all the troubles of the world. We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing only to find that we have not placed our trust in your redeeming love. Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation. Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with you and with each other. Lift us up and cause us to serve you by serving others in this world.

*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.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Darlene Riddle & Linda Oshita

## ANTHEM

“Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken”

D. Schwoebel

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 2-16

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## LATER WORD

A Surprise from Mark

Becky Erbe

## HYMN #769 vs. 1-3, 5

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Becky Erbe

## 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: We give you thanks and praise, O God For the glory and joy of creation....

...joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as we sing these words:

Organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you,  
All: 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!

## 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

“One World, One Communion”

P. Choplin

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### HYMN #515 vs. 1-5

“I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

### \*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Alla Marcia”

W. Mathias

*please remain seated for the postlude*

◆*Re: Worship Blog site Proper 22B*

◆◆*Ministry Matters*

Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Rick Gallegos, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Tim Riddle, van driver

## Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Mary Spindler, Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, Chris Bayar (son-in-law of Holly Beeman), Brad Delmore, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, 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, 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: Linda Roy, Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

**2nd City Chorus** show today at 3:00 pm. Church Members Doug Phillips, John Maynard, and Mark Stratemeyer will be performing in a Musical production titled "Let's Harmonize Tonight". Loves Park Civic Center—100 Heart Blvd. Loves Park. Adults: \$20 Seniors: \$15 Students: \$10

**Jeremiah Development** has a new location and will have an open house on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. New location: 803 Church Street Rockford Illinois. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

**Euchre Night** is Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm. Join other euchre players in the dining room for an evening of cards and conversation. Don't know how to play euchre and want to learn? Come join us. Please bring a snack to pass. Enter the church through the south parking lot entrance. Contact Linda Johnson or Katy Paterson if you want more information.

**Cleaning Closets?** The Thrift Shop is in need of towels, sheets, blankets, men's clothing, kitchen ware, Fall and Christmas decorations. Drop donations off between 9am-1pm Monday through Thursdays at the church.

**Hurricane Helene Response.** Both our denominations PCUSA and UCC have set up ways to donate to the Hurricane Helene victims. If you would like to help, please consider visiting [UCC.org](http://UCC.org) or [PCUSA.org](http://PCUSA.org) to learn how you can donate.

**Serious Soup** continues to feed record numbers of people! We can use donations of jelly or jam, Italian dressing, crackers and coup. Homemade soups are especially popular! We go through about 5 gallons of soup each Monday. Any amount is welcome. Thank you from the Serious Soup Team and our hungry neighbors.

**Calendar at a Glance**  
**October 6, 2024 – October 13, 2024**

<p><b><u>Sunday, October 6</u></b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School</p> <p><b><u>Monday, October 7</u></b>          11:30: AM Serious Soup</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, October 8</u></b>          7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer          Breakfast          9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 9</u></b>          10:00 AM – Staff Meeting          4:30 PM- Jeremiah Development- Open House          6:00 PM- Martin Ringers          6:30 PM- Euchre Night</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, October 10</u></b>          9:30 AM- Carillons          5:30 PM- DVT          6:00 PM- Bellcantos          7:00 PM- Choir          7:00 PM- El Shaddai (dining room)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, October 11</u></b>          Office is closed</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, October 12</u></b>          9:00 AM- Bridge Clinic</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, October 13</u></b>  <b>Katy Paterson- Pulpit Talk</b>          10:00 AM – Worship Service          10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
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