



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

Order of Worship

10:00 am

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

*No matter where you are on life's journey, no matter who you are, where you are from,
whatever doubts and joys you bring, no matter who you love, you are and always will be welcome
here to worship at SecondFirst Church!*

PRELUDE

Ellacombe

arr. A. J. Travis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #196 vs. 1-4**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marge Maynard

Leader: Rejoice, O people of Zion!

Shout for joy, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

**All: He comes righteous and victorious
yet humble and riding on a donkey.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest.

***HYMN #197 vs. 1-3**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO TRANSFORM

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION♦

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

One minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE♦

Leader: The one who rode into Jerusalem,
struggled on the cross, was sealed in a tomb,
and is risen from the dead!
Jesus Christ has defeated the power of sin and death.
This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are made new.

*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.

EARLY WORD

Aubrey Barnett

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

Reader: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hosanna!
Sanctuary Choir

C. Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Martha Langford

Reader: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

Attitude

*HYMN #215 vs. 1-4

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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 Martha: martha.langford@secondfirst.org.

SONG OF OFFERING

Were You There

arr. J. Raney

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #219 vs. 1-5

They Crucified My Lord

CRUCIFIXION

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. J. Raney

Sanctuary Choir

Aleyna Yaylaci, cello

please remain seated for the postlude

◆*Call to Worship. Vol 55.1.*

Dick Lapp, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Bob Langford, van driver

Aleyna Yaylaci is a cello student of Mike Beert at the Music Academy

*The Flowers on the Chancel are given today in memory of Virgil and Barbara Keeling,
long time Members of First Presbyterian Church.*

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Wes Hegge, Katy Paterson, Nina Jawnyj (Aunt of Jess Lindblade), David Jones, Doug and Pom Olson, Richard Cook, Christopher Scharnweber (John Lindblade's cousin in law), Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Joyce Pogue, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Sally Baker, 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

Join us for Lemon Bar Fellowship immediately after worship in the Dining Room. Thank you Deacons/Fellowship for these freshly made delicious treats. Thank you Hospitality for your hospitality.

Mark your calendars for our **Ring in Spring Concert Sunday, April 27, 3:00 pm** Spring has sprung -- and you know what that means! Our annual Ring in Spring handbell concert is just around the corner. Please join for an afternoon of music presented by the following bell choirs: Martin Ringers, Peanut Bells and Carillons.

Here is what's happening for Holy Week....

Maundy Thursday Service- April 17th at 6:30pm. Our choir will be singing and Communion will be offered. Please join us for this moving worship.

Good Friday Prayer Service: The Sanctuary will be open on April 18th from noon to 3:00. A simple order for prayer will guide participants as we mark the events of the crucifixion.

Easter Service will be Sunday, April 20th in our Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome here. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family.

Calendar at a Glance April 13, 2025-April 20, 2025

<p><u>Sunday, April 13</u> Palm Sunday 10:00 AM - Worship Service 10:20 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM- Lemon Bar Coffee Hour</p> <p><u>Monday, April 14</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Deacons/Fellowship</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 15</u> 7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, April 16</u> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers 6:00 PM- Trustees</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 17</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 6:30 PM- Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM- Choir 7:30 PM- El Shaddai (Heritage Library)</p> <p><u>Friday, April 18</u> 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM- Good Friday Prayer</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 19</u> No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 20</u> Easter 10:00 AM - Worship Service 10:20 AM - Sunday School</p>
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