



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

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Order of Worship

March 26, 2023
10:00am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks is strongly recommended.

PRELUDE

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

H. WALCHA

INTROIT

“Jesus Loves Me”
Peanut Bells

TRAD.

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

All: O God, you know!

Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

All: O God, you know!

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

All: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

***HYMN #2 vs 1-4**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Leader: You call us to be your voices in this world

All: and we stay silent.

Leader: You call us to be your hands in this world

All: and we keep them hidden.

Leader: You call us to be your feet in this world

All: and we go our own way.

Leader: When we meet those who are doubting

All: and say nothing, forgive us.

Leader: When we meet those who need your touch

All: and do nothing, forgive us.

Leader: When we are called to take up your cross

All: and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***THE PEACE**

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

***SONG OF REFLECTION**

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Davidson

ANTHEM

“Pavane”
Carillons

G. FAURÉ/ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

EARLY WORD

Aubrey Barnett

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“When God is Late”

Norm Shirk

***HYMN #286 vs 1-4**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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

Phil Davidson

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

"I'll Fly Away/Jesus Loves Me"
Carillons

ARR. B. ZARTMAN

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Phil Davidson

HYMN #832 vs 1-3

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

REFRAIN: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life, He's the solid rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides. My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. **REFRAIN**

It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins. I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. **REFRAIN**

When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne, my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. **REFRAIN**

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Were You There" TRAD. SPIRITUAL/ARR. J. RANEY
please remain seated for the postlude

♦Written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilly *Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers*

♦♦Written by John Birch, and posted on *Faith and Worship*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist

Richard Stiltner, choir director

Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge, sound, video

John Maynard, van driver

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by George Bull in Memory of Darlene Bull on her Birthday

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Jayne Pheiffer, Susan Dodillet, Sally Baker, Ruby Beckman, Carol Eggleston, Stephanie Cooper, Gerrie Gustafson, Lenore Lund, Winona Beeman (mother of Holly), Sam Marlow, Cara Keller, Vernon Carter, Don Freedlund, Dan Truttmann (nephew of Jan Novak), Dustin Eklund, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, Katy Paterson, Cathy Toepfer, and Philip & 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: Shirley Anderson, Arlene Snap, Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Phyllis Seeman, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, and Don Freedlund.

Women's Interfaith Potluck Dinner Monday, Night, March 27 6:00 PM in the Dining Room

Our Church will be hosting the Women's Interfaith Potluck Dinner. This group is ladies from various churches that get together once a month for a potluck and a program. All women are invited. The program will be Heather Hall Wang speaking about the "The Honor System." Please bring a dish to pass and join us. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Lenten Study Tuesday's 12:00 PM Via Zoom

A Lenten study led by Pastor Becky **"Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back"**

Sometimes in life it is difficult to dance during trials and tribulations. To have faith is to find the strength and endurance to Dance.

Let us together find the passion to dance again. There is some homework before each class. Email Pastor Becky if you are interested in attending. We send out materials prior to the class.

The Grace of Les Misérables

Whether you have actually read the 1,462 pages of the novel, seen the Broadway musical, listened to the soundtrack or watched one of the several screen adaptations you already know the power of the story. Through a video series from Matt Rawle, this 6-week Lenten Experience dives into six themes found in the story- grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope-each represented by a character in Hugo's story and our Christian calling. Join us at 6:00 pm for a soup dinner or come to just the class which begins at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Call the office or Pastor Becky if you would like to attend.

Palm/Passion Sunday April 2, 10:00 am

Join us for worship. We will begin by waving palms as we honor Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As the worship continues, we turn to the Passion story of the last days of Christ. The Deacons Fellowship Team invites you to a time of fellowship. After worship all are invited down to the Dining Room for Coffee Hour and Lemon Bars.

Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 6:30 pm.

Please join us for this meaningful worship. The Choir will be singing and Communion will be served.

Good Friday Service April 7, 12:00 Prayer and Meditation.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00 am

This is the most important day of the year for Christians as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Join us for beautiful music, brass, and a garden of flowers.

Ring in Spring Concert Sunday, April 23, 4:00 pm

Spring has sprung -- and you know what that means! Our annual Ring in Spring concert is just around the corner. Please join for an afternoon of music and mission as our handbell/handchime ensembles present an array of enjoyable selections. This year's concert will benefit Get Connected, a local organization dedicated to helping high-risk individuals impacted by incarceration re-enter the community successfully and self-sustainably. You can learn more about their mission <https://getconnectedtoo815.org>

**Our Annual Program Meeting of Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church
will be held Sunday, April 24, 11:15 am in person or via Zoom.**

Calendar at a Glance March 26, 2023-April 2, 2023

Sunday, March 26 Norm Shirk Carillons 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:15 AM – Coffee Hour Dining Room Monday, March 27 11:30 AM - Serious Soup 6:00 PM – Women’s Interfaith Group 6:30 PM – Worship/Music Team Tuesday, March 28 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop 12:00 PM - Lenten Study	Wednesday, March 29 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM -Soup Dinner 6:00 PM – Martin Ringers 6:30 PM – Lenten Worship Thursday, March 30 9:30 AM – Carillons 6:00 PM - Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	Friday, March 31 No Scheduled Activities Saturday, April 1 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic Palm Sunday, April 2 Communion 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:15 AM – Coffee Hour Lemon Bars
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