



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 10, 2021
10:00am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated and for wearing your mask to protect our children and immunocompromised.

PRELUDE

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

BRUMLEY, ARR. LABENSKE

CENTERING

Rebecca White Newgren

Leader: God be with you,

All: and also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Kris Harden

Leader: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

All: **We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.**

Leader: How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

All: **We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.**

Leader: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

All: **Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us.**

***HYMN #509**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Becky Erbe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION◆◆

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Let us continue in silence...

One Minute of Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Leader: This is the good news, there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts.

All: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven; we have been made new people.
Thanks be to God.

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"The Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katy Paterson

EARLY WORD

Rachel Huffman

SONG

"Come Sunday"

D. ELLINGTON, ARR. L. ROSEN

Hayley Gotzsche, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:1-18

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Bread from Heaven"

Rebecca White Newgren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andy Newgren

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 three ways to give of yourself to the church: 1. 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. 2. Send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org. 3. Make yourself known to this community or offer your time/talent by emailing Rev. Rebecca: rebecca@secondfirst.org.

SONG OF OFFERING

"An Offering"

D. FORREST

Hayley Gotzsche, soprano

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"When I Can Read My Title Clear"

A. L. PAIGE

Join us for Cider and Donuts after worship, under the portico.

The Flowers on the Chancel are in loving memory of Vera and Ernest Jackson, Frieda and Willard Moore, Roald and Jean Larsen from Janet and Steve Moore.

◆written by Nancy Townley

◆written by Thom Shuman, from *Lectionary Liturgies*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Hayley Gotzsche, guest soloist
Wes Hegge, sound
Katy Paterson, bus driver

Prayer Requests

Please keep these members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. Additions to the prayer list are always welcome. Prayer requests will be listed for one month. If you would like to remain on longer, please notify the office.

- **Prayers for the family of friends of Dr. Jeffry A. Higgins who passed away Oct. 2 from kidney complications. Parents are Kimball and Wendy Higgins.**
- Continue prayers for Eleanor Babel, Carol (sister of Susan Dodillet), Shirley (friend of Janet Hendricks), Jill Torgerson's son Wayne Gahl, and family, Dan Truttman, (nephew of Jan Novak), Jacob Crow (nephew of new members Josh and Adrian Crow), Roman Ramirez, Lenore Lund, Doris Rowald, Marsha Martin, Ron Schaad, Katy Paterson, Barbara Smith (daughter of Alice Pampe), Cathy Toepfer (daughter of Jackie Chamberlain), 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: Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Norman Fry, Darlene Miller, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Arlene Snap, Lillian Smith, and Betty Haegg.

SecondFirst Trip to Edwards Apple Orchard East *this Thursday, October 14*

Join Pastor Becky E. and your church family for a fun morning at Edwards Apple Orchard in Poplar Grove on Thursday, October 14. We will meet at church at 9:30 am. We will be taking anyone interested riding the church bus. If you'd rather drive, meet us at 10:00am at the Orchard. We can enjoy the fall, eating doughnuts, drinking cider and good conversations. Plus, there is great stuff in the apple barn. Sign up before October 13 if you are interested. Call the church office or Becky E.

Pop Up Peanuts *Sunday, October 17 9:30 AM*

Please join in ringing! –Peanuts to meet at 9:30 prior to church, in the Sanctuary, for a rehearsal. We will be playing the prelude.

Updated Crop Walk News *Sunday, October 17 12:00 pm*

SecondFirst Church has always been a big supporter of this great mission effort, raising money and supplying food for those in need. We want to make sure we are supporting again in a big way. Since the event is virtual this year, our church will be walking around our campus and around the park beginning at 12:00 pm. There will be activities for children and families to do as we walk. Ice cream treats when we are done walking. Our Mission Ministry Team will be matching what our members bring in. If you are interested in collecting money for Crop Walk, go to the website listed below. Give Becky E a call if you and family are interested in supporting and walking. We walk for those that can't. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/2nd-1st-church-of-rockford>

Stewardship Season Drawing Near

Our annual Stewardship season begins Sunday, October 24th. This year's theme is Rooted in Love. We ask you to get in touch with your roots recalling a time in your life when the church held its greatest importance for you. Several church members will share theirs in worship and the E-word. It is hoped they will call to mind some of yours.

Gatherings for 9! (Virtual or in-person)

Wanting to connect to the amazing people sitting in your pew or commenting online with you? This is your chance. Originally "Dinners for Nine," but Covid calls for creativity and flexibility. First, you sign up if you wish to participate in getting to know fellow church attenders better by sharing a meal/experience with them on 4 occasions over the next year (you will be asked whether you prefer virtual or in-person, inside/outside). You will be assigned to a group of 9 people. Note the odd number is intentional so singles are encouraged to join in. Second, the person(s) hosting the first gathering will contact all in their group to set a time and place for your group's outing. At the first gathering, the group will set their schedule of dates and times for dinners/gatherings for the year. Interested in hosting or participating? Call the office 815-963-8431.

Calendar at a Glance Oct. 10-17

* via zoom

<u>Sunday Oct. 10 Outdoor Worship</u> 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Cider and Donuts <u>Monday, Oct. 11</u> No Serious Soup 5:00 PM – Deacons/Fellowship Team* <u>Tuesday, Oct. 12</u> 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 PM – Narrative Bible Study* 6:00 PM - DVT*	<u>Wednesday, Oct. 13</u> No Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martin Ringers <u>Thursday, Oct. 14</u> 9:30 AM –Edwards Apple Orchard 9:30 AM – Carillons 6:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	<u>Friday, Oct. 15</u> No Scheduled Activities <u>Saturday, Oct. 16</u> No Scheduled Activities <u>Sunday, Oct. 17 Rev. Danny Pierce</u> 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 9:30 AM – Peanuts Rehearsal 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 1:00 PM – CROP Walk
---	---	--

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

Ministers: All Members

Moderator: Katy Paterson moderator@secondfirst.org

Senior Pastor: Rev. Rebecca White Newgren rebecca.whitewhite@secondfirst.org

Associate Pastor, Member Care and Neighborhood Connections: Becky Erbe becky.erbe@secondfirst.org

Children and Family Coordinator: Rachel Huffman rachel.huffman@secondfirst.org

Director of Theological Engagement: Andy Newgren andy.newgren@secondfirst.org

Organist/Pianist: Valerie Blair valerie.blair@secondfirst.org

Director of Handbell Ministries: Julie Cook Ramirez julie.cookramirez@secondfirst.org

Director, Peanut Bells: Sarah Hallberg sarah.hallberg@secondfirst.org

Director, Carillons: Joyce Zartman joyce.zartman@secondfirst.org

Bookkeeper/Business Manager: Nancy Yoeckel nancy.yoeckel@secondfirst.org

Office Manager: Debbie Wise debbie.wise@secondfirst.org

Building Manager: Jeff Byrne jeff.byrne@secondfirst.org

Housekeeper: Maria Mandujano

Gatekeepers: Todd Wilson, Christoffer Banks