

Welcome to worship!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

We practice safer worship together, following COVID-19 protocols for in-person gatherings, which may be adjusted as the situation in our area changes.

COVID-19: Currently the wearing of face masks in our worship is optional, welcomed, and encouraged, particularly for those who are at higher risk for complications. Please make compassionate and informed decisions for your own personal health and for the health and welfare of those around you.

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you or at the activity tables. Our nursery is currently closed.

Communion: Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Our communion cups are filled with grape juice.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

May 11-19	via email	Annual Congregational Meeting voting
May 15	12:00 PM	FCC Deacons Planning & Fellowship Fellowship Hall
May 15	2:30 PM	Wildlife Habitat Trail #1215 maintenance workday (Boat Gunnel campground.)
May 17	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible study (Zoom)
May 18		Bell Choir canceled
May 19	via email	Annual Congregational voting closes
May 19		Vespers canceled

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

For those who desire our prayers:

Dianna Pettit, Carmen Swim, LeRoy Caudill, Jack Evans, Beverly Plummer & Family, Beverly Jones, Betty Miller, Latha Nixon, Lynn Moore, David Embry, Ronni Gilpin, Amanda Baldwin, Ben Webb, Cate Cook, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.

Concerns will be posted for two weeks only unless otherwise requested.

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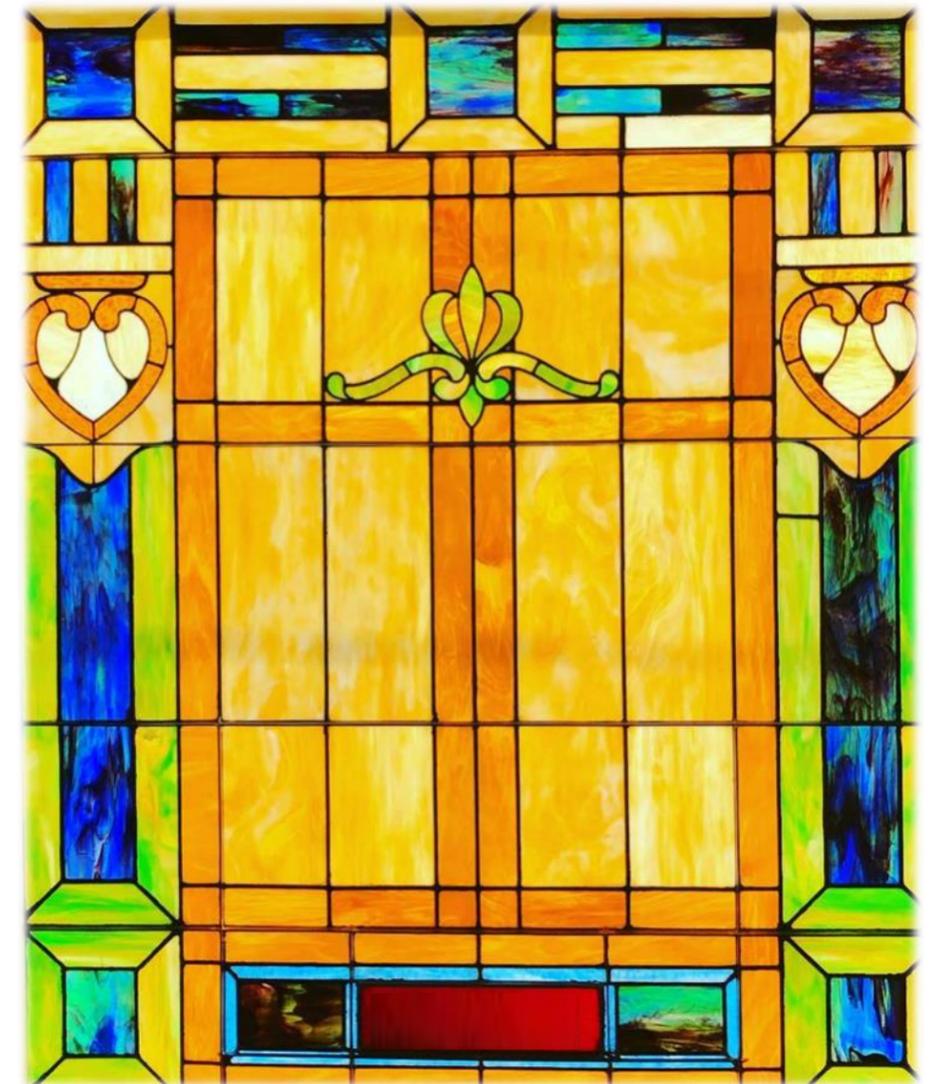
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WE ARE DISCIPLES

We are Disciples.....
 We prepare God's table for all,
 as it was prepared for us.
 We embrace the old,
 the heartsick, the outcast,
 the different.
 We believe Love wins....

Minister Rev. Nancy Gowler
 Music Director Genny Jenkins
 Pianist Isaiah Florence
 Music Interns Caleb Fouts, Maura McCoy
 Everett Quiggins, Katie Webb
 Guest Musician.....Derek Easterling
 Liturgist.....Brent Rogers
 Greeter.....Connie Kibbey



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

Acknowledgement of Land

For thousands of years, First People have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler
Bell of Mindfulness Brent Rogers
Prelude *Fantasia on Come Thou Fount* Genny Jenkins
*Call to Worship Brent Rogers

Come, Jesus calls us to join the circle of the faithful.
The Holy One invites us into the realm of heaven made manifest on earth—a dream for the world where all are welcome.

Here we celebrate the wideness of God’s community.

Together we worship a God who breaks down walls that divide us. Let us celebrate the God who delights in the fullness of our humanity.

We worship the One who loves us all.

*Opening Prayer Brent Rogers

*Gathering Hymn *Sing a New World into Being* tune: *Ode to Joy*

Sing a new world into being, sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings, lend your voice and dare to dream.
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being, sing as Christ inspires your song.

Sing a new world into being, where each gender class and race.
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God’s limitless embrace.
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being, Risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being, where the homeless find a home.
Where no children ever hunger, but are filled with God’s shalom.
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being, raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being! Join the ancient prophets’ cry.
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry.
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being, live the promise you believe.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

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and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Rev. 21:1-6 Brent Rogers

Listen now for Word and Wisdom
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Anthem *This Is My Commandment* Choir with
Derek Eastering, euphonist

Scripture Acts 11:1-18 Rev. Nancy Gowler

This is the word of God.
**For the Word of God in Jesus, for God’s Wisdom all around us,
For God’s Word and Wisdom in us, thanks be to God.**

Sermon *A Radical Change In Plans* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD’S STORY

*Song of Response *In Christ There Is No East or West* #687

Lord’s Prayer Brent Rogers

**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
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Communion Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you! **And also with you!**
...All are welcome at Christ’s table.

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Meditation *Morning Mood* Genny Jenkins

GOING OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Recognition of Graduates Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Song of Blessing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* #446

*Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Genny Jenkins

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READ: Peter was staying in a city near the sea called Joppa. It was the same city where long ago the prophet Jonah had gone to tell the people of God’s ways. Jonah had not been happy to be sent to Joppa--it was a city far from his home, and he didn’t want to share about God with people from another country. Despite his reluctance, the people had been convinced by Jonah’s preaching and had turned toward God.

One day Peter was up on a rooftop waiting for lunch to be ready. It was a warm day and he soon fell asleep. Peter had a strange dream, he saw a sheet holding all sorts of creatures, and a voice telling him to eat. But the creatures were things which Peter had been told not to eat since he was a child. Three times Peter had this dream, and he wondered what this dream meant.

While he was wondering, there was a knock at the door. Three men stood there, sent by a Roman commander, Cornelius, to come find Peter. He had also had a dream and had been told to send for Peter. Peter went with the men and met Cornelius. Suddenly God’s Spirit helped Peter to understand his strange dream. God’s story of love was not for Peter and his people only--the message of love was for the whole world. He baptized Cornelius and all the others there. (Acts 10:1-11:18)

WONDER: I wonder how Peter felt when he had this dream?
I wonder why Peter decided to go with the men who were sent by Cornelius?
I wonder what made Peter change his mind?
I wonder how Cornelius felt to hear the story of God’s love?
I wonder what part of this story you like best?

SAY: In this story Peter learns that the good news of Jesus was for everyone, not just for his friends and family. God wanted Peter to welcome others with openness, even if they were different from him.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you people who help us learn more about your love. Help us accept others as your children, whom you love, just as you love us. Amen.

EXTEND

- Peter was learning to see how God was at work in the world. Think about your week. Have you seen God’s love at work in others? Was someone helpful or kind? Did anyone stand up when someone else was bullied? Draw a picture or write a poem about what you saw.
- Watch [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) from Kids Academy on YouTube. Civil Rights leaders worked hard and risked their lives to break down barriers in our society. What connections do you see between our story today and the stories of Rosa Parks and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?
- Read [Who Is My Neighbor?](#) written by Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Denise Turu. In this retelling of the parable of the Good Samaritan, Blues and Yellows just don’t mix, and that’s how it’s always been. That is, until the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble along the road and a Yellow named Lemon stops to help him. What connections do you see between this story and Peter’s story?