

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 our county is experiencing high levels of COVID transmission. The wearing of masks indoors is now required inside our facilities.



**WEAR A
FACE MASK**



**DON'T SHAKE
HANDS**



**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open for ages 0-4 years of age.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

August 7	10:30 AM	Nursery opens for ages 0-4 years.
August 9	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible study (Zoom)
August 10	5:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
August 11	7:00 PM	Vespers Service (Zoom)

Water Bottles for RCMS

We will once again be collecting reusable water bottles for Rowan County Middle School students. Any size or style of bottle will be appreciated. We would like to deliver these to RCMS for the start of school, August 18th. A collection bin is just inside the Fellowship Hall on the first floor.

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

For those who desire our prayers:

Wayne Irion, Tony Honeycutt, Leeann Akers, Layne Neeper, Dianna Pettit, Carmen Swim, Jack Evans, Betty Miller, Lynn Moore, David Embry, Ronni Gilpin, Amanda Baldwin, 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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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/Organist	Genny Jenkins
Keyboardist.....	Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Liturgist.....	Roy Reynolds
Elder.....	Yvonne Baldwin
Greeter	Dewayne Carter
Audio/Visual Team.....	Ethan Jenkins, Wiley Tanner
Nursery Attendant.....	Katrina Allman

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.

August 7, 2022

Proper 14

*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler
Bell of Mindfulness Roy Reynolds
Prelude Anchored In Love Andrew Preston
Call to Worship Roy Reynolds

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Opening Prayer Roy Reynolds

*Gathering Hymn O For A World #683

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are left wanting to say sorry-- for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change, and enable us to change, that we may live abundantly. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Roy Reynolds

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

Our hearts and minds are open.

Special Music Wondrous Love Andrew Preston

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-40 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Heart's Desire Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

*Song of Response Take Our Bread #413

Prayers of the People Roy Reynolds

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 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.

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Communion Prayer Yvonne Baldwin

Meditation Jesus, Priceless Treasure Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction Rev. Nancy Gowler

Sung Response We Will Walk With God

Musical notation for 'We Will Walk With God' (first system)

Musical notation for 'We Will Walk With God' (second system)

Musical notation for 'We Will Walk With God' (third system)

Postlude Pine Log Cabin Andrew Preston

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READ: Jesus told many stories encouraging his followers to consider what was most important in their lives. After he told the story of the rich man who tore down all of his barns, he went on to teach them more about what was most important in life. He reminded them that each one of them was loved completely by God, who cares for them as a loving shepherd cares for every one of their sheep and knows each sheep's name. Every sheep, no matter how big or small, is loved totally by God, without exception. One time Jesus told his friends, "Don't be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." He explained, saying "What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God's giving." Jesus knew that when we learn to trust in God's love for us, what's most important to us shifts, and we are free to be generous to others. "Where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and the place you end up being," Jesus told them. (Luke 12:22-40)

WONDER:

- I wonder how the sheep feel when the shepherd calls them by name?
I wonder what things are most important for the sheep?
I wonder what things they could do without?
I wonder if the sheep have things they could share?
I wonder what things you have that you think are really important? I wonder what things you have you think are not necessary?

PRAY: Good Shepherd, thank you for knowing us by name and for your tender care for us. Help us to learn to share what we have with others who need our help. Amen.

EXTEND

- Ask an adult to help you visit the online HungerMap provided by the World Food Program. Explore the map. What places on the map have high or very high prevalence of insufficient food consumption (hunger)? Does anything surprise you? Choose a location and learn more about that place and the food supply challenges it has. How can we help? Visit Week of Compassion's website and explore how our Disciples of Christ relief ministry is making a difference. Or explore the work of Heifer International.
Read More written by I.C. Springman and illustrated by Brian Lies. In this thought-provoking picture book a magpie receives the gift of a marble from a mouse. From that little marble, the magpie begins collecting more and more special items until the magpie has "a bit much...much too much." When disaster strikes the magpie, mouse, and friends join together so that there is finally "just enough." I wonder why the mouse gave the magpie the marble? I wonder what is the difference between "plenty" and "much too much"?