

Welcome to worship!

We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Childcare: All children are welcome in our service. Parents please keep your children with you. There are children's bulletins available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30AM for ages 0-4 years of age.

Communion: Our communion is open to all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Pick up a prepackaged communion cup with grape juice, available at either entrance to the sanctuary.

Offering: To contribute financially to the ministries of our congregation, gifts may be placed in the offering boxes at any entrance to the sanctuary. Visit our website for online giving options.

How to become a member: We are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), welcoming all who seek to follow in the ways of Jesus. To learn more about us and how to join with this congregation, speak to Pastor Nancy. Look for upcoming Guest Gatherings to learn more about who we are and how to be a part of FCC Morehead.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

May 29	10:00-12:00 PM	Memorial Day Bake Sale. Office closed.
May 30	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
May 31	5:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
June 1	7:00 PM	Vespers service (Zoom)
June 4	12:00 PM	Hot Dog Dinner, after worship service
<i>Looking Ahead</i>		
June 11	10:45 AM	Worship Service—Annual Congregational Meeting
June 25	10:45 AM	Worship Service—Installation of Officers

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Angola, Mozambique

For those who desire our prayers:

The Family of Ira Creasman, Cathy Thomas, Paul Hart, The Family of Donna Gonyon, Helen Rowe, Jim Gross, John Gullett, Tammy Sholberg, Jacob Morrill, Katie Parker, Jim Fred Cassity, Joe Thompson, Eva Johnston, Betty Miller, Mechelle Marshall, Joe Eldridge, Brent Rogers, Helen Hall, Frances Pucket, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell.

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023



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
Keyboardist	Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Guest Musicians.....	Gina Pezzoli, cello; Thomas Pappas, oboe
Liturgist.....	Roy Reynolds
Elder	Joe Barrett
Greeter.....	Loretta Fannin
Audio/Visual Team	Ethan Jenkins
Nursery Attendant.....	Katrina Jenkins

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 Lower Triplett Creek watershed,
part of 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.*

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler
 Bell of Mindfulness Roy Reynolds
 Prelude *Sonata VIII, Largo*, G.F. Handel Gina Pezzoli, cellist
 Thomas Pappas, oboist
 Call to Worship Roy Reynolds

A warning to worshippers:
ready or not, God's Spirit is coming to us.

In fact, the Spirit is already here!

Let's take a deep breath...

Are you ready?

We want to be ready, willing to follow.

Remember--the Spirit moves in marvelously unpredictable ways.

Let's get moving!

We're ready to be joyfully surprised this morning!

If you say so, but be aware--
the Spirit can turn the world upside down!

Come, Holy Spirit,

set us free to love and serve the Lord, our God!

Opening Prayer Roy Reynolds

*Gathering Hymn *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* #248

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

Life-giving God,
forgive us when we sell ourselves short,
imagining that we can do little,
convincing ourselves that we have nothing
of consequence to offer.
Forgive us when our stunted vision
denies the power of the Holy Spirit's gifts to us.

Holy God, three in one,
forgive us when we think too much of ourselves,
believing that we have no need of community,
telling ourselves the lie
that we can do everything without others.
Forgive us when our myopic vision rejects your blessed shalom.

Gracious God, confident of your mercy,
we welcome the presence of your Spirit,
sent to liberate and empower us. Now we are free to be your
people, sent to bless our world with compassion and love. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 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.

Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Gina Pezzoli
Bell Choir

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21 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 *Daring to Dream Again* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #518

Prayers of the People Roy Reynolds

Spirit of the living God...**listen to your children praying.**

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.

Passing of the Peace Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you!
And also with you.

Invitation to Communion Joe Barrett

All are welcome at Christ's table.
Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Our Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Joe Barrett

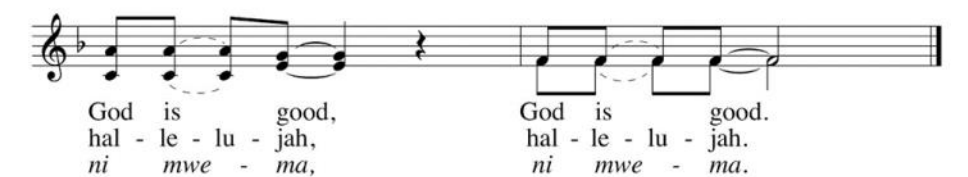
The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *Oboe Concerto in E minor*, G. Telemann Gina Pezzoli
Thomas Pappas

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Benediction Rev. Nancy Gowler

*Sung Response *Know That God Is Good*



*Postlude *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

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