

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. Children's bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances and the worship activity center in back. Our nursery is not available this Sunday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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, place gifts in the offering boxes at any sanctuary entrance. To visit our website for online giving options, scan QR code.

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

Apr. 28		Newsletter & graduate information due.
Apr. 30	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
May 1	5:30/7:00 PM	Choral Scholars Benefit Dinner/Program
May 2	7:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
<i>Looking Ahead</i>		
May 5	10:45 AM	Worship Service/Graduate recognition

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

For those who desire our prayers:

First Baptist Church of Morehead, The family of Mary Stevens, Jack Evans, The family of Ken Howard, Judy Cain, Jack Duby, The family of Rex Chaney, Jackie Bailey, Jim Gross, Gracie Grant, Jim Gross, Jean and John Roberts, Wendell Jones, Tim Stevens, Anne Buckner, Maggie Miles, Ned Breschel, Tony Honeycutt, Jim Fred Cassity, Eva Johnston, Hedy Caldwell

For those celebrating birthdays: Ned Breschel (4/26), Sarah Chaney (5/03), Keyairah Bailey (5/04)

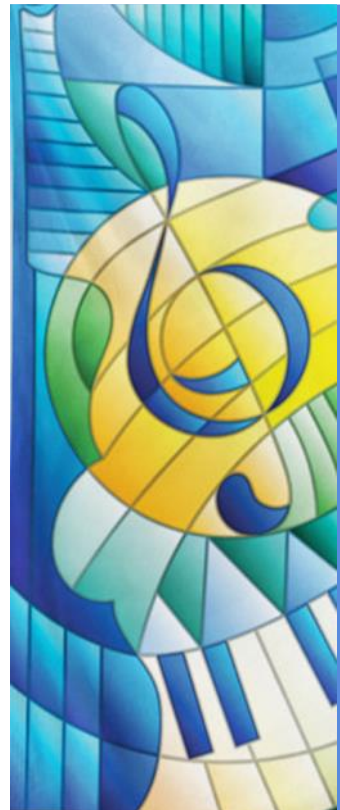
Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.

Concerns will be posted for two weeks only.

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**CHORAL SCHOLARS
BENEFIT PROGRAM**

May 1st
Admission \$10

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

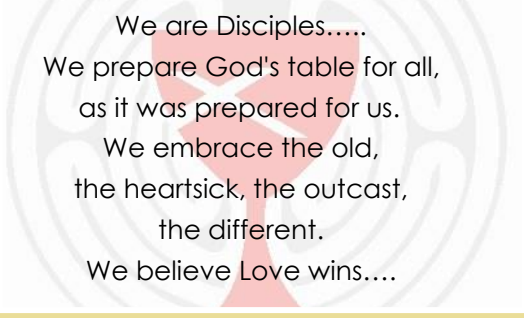
**Proceeds support the FCC
Choral Scholars Program**

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm
Program begins at 7:00 pm

Featuring 2023-24
Choral Scholar Interns

Mason Pack Riley Stephens
Logan Smalley Katie Webb

WE ARE DISCIPLES



Minister	Rev. Nancy Gowler
Music Director.....	Genny Jenkins
Keyboardist	Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Interns.....	Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Riley Stephens, Katie Web
Liturgist.....	Cathy Thomas
Elder.....	Sarah Chaney
Greeter.....	Susan Whidden
Audio/Visual Team	Maddox Reinhardt, Braeden Trent
Nursery Attendant.....	Ellie Williams

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD

APRIL 28, 2024



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

For thousands of years, First Peoples 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.

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*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler
 Bell of Mindfulness Cathy Thomas
 Prelude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Jiyeon McGillicuddy
 Call to Worship Cathy Thomas

Dear friends, we gather in the name of the God of love;
 we gather in the presence of the God who is Love.

So let us worship the God of love with all our hearts.

Dear friends, we gather as children of the God who is Love;
 we gather as siblings, united in God's abiding love.

So let us learn to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Opening Prayer Cathy Thomas

*Gathering Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 517

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

We have failed.

And God loves us.

We have forgotten.

And God loves us.

We have injured.

And God loves us.

We have gloated.

And God loves us.

We have hoarded.

And God loves us.

We have turned away.

And God loves us. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Readings John 15:1-8 Cathy Thomas

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

Our hearts and minds are open.

Anthem *God Be In My Head* Choir

Gospel Reading 1 John 4:7-21 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Heart of the Matter* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

*Song of Response *When, in Awe of God's Creation* 688

Prayers of the People Cathy Thomas

God, who makes us one,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Cathy Thomas

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 Sarah Chaney

All are welcome at Christ's table.

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Our Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Sarah Chaney

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *All the Way, He Leadeth Me* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

Into our streets and homes we go,
living our lives in God's love.

Into our joys and sorrows we go,
living our lives in God's love.

Into the fight for justice we go,
living our lives in God's love.

Blessed with the friendship of God we go,
living our lives in God's love.

*Closing Sung Response *Alleluia*



*Postlude *All the Way, He Leadeth Me* Jiyeon McGillicuddy