

## 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 available at 10:30am for ages 0-4 years. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor.

**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

May 14	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
May 15	6:00 PM	Bell choir rehearsal
May 16	7:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
<i>Looking Ahead</i>		
May 27	10:00 AM	Memorial Day bake sale
	7:00 PM	Full Board Meeting (Zoom)

## OUR PRAYERS

### World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

### For those who desire our prayers:

**Crystal VanMeter**, Jack Evans, Judy Cain, Jack Duby, 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:

Kathy New Frazier (5/12), Di Walke (5/16)

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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**RESTORE AND REWIND**  
2024 PENTECOST OFFERING  
SUNDAYS MAY 12 & MAY 19

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON; THEY WOULD SELL THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED. + ACTS 2:44-45

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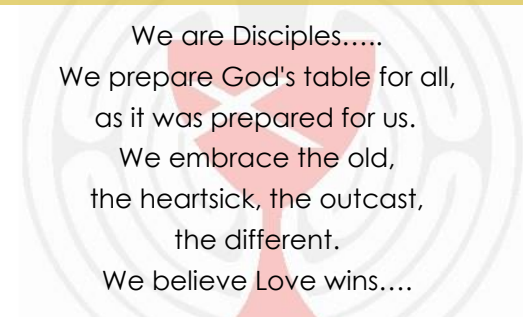
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MAY 12 AND MAY 19 2024

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NEW CHURCH MINISTRY  
making disciples

THE 2024 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

## 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
Interns.....	Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Riley Stephens, Katie Web
Liturgist.....	Sarah Chaney
Elder.....	Alana Scott
Greeter.....	Mary Claire Williams
Audio/Visual Team .....	Maddox Reinhardt, Braeden Trent
Nursery Attendant.....	Ellie Williams

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD

MAY 12, 2024



## SEVENTH 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.*

MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

\*indicates the congregation stands in body and/or spirit

### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler

Bell of Mindfulness Sarah Chaney

Prelude *Amazing Grace* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

Call to Worship Sarah Chaney

In our living and in our loving,  
**God has blessed us.**

In our tears and in our laughter,  
**God has blessed us.**

In my sisters and in my brothers,  
**God has blessed us.**

With everything that is in us,  
**we give God thanks and praise.**

Opening Prayer Sarah Chaney

\*Gathering Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* 272

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 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Sarah Chaney

Listen now for Word and Wisdom  
as it comes to us in reading of Holy Scripture.  
**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Psalm Psalm 1 Sarah Chaney

Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness,  
who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth;  
**For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,  
and in Love's heart they dwell day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
that yield fruit in due season and their leaves flourish;  
And in all that they do, they give life.  
**The unloving are not so;  
they are like dandelions which the wind blows away.**

Turning from the Heart of Love they will know suffering and pain.  
**They will be isolated from wisdom;  
for Love knows the way of truth,  
the way of ignorance will perish.**

Anthem *Love the Lord* FCC Choir

Gospel Reading John 17:6-13 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *When the Path Is Unclear* Rev. Nancy Gowler

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

\*Song of Response *In Remembrance of Me* Rev. Nancy Gowler

Prayers of the People Sarah Chaney

God of abiding love, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer Sarah Chaney

**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 Alana Scott

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

Our Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Alana Scott

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go.  
And the blessing of God be upon you,  
**the blessing of the Giver of Life.**

The blessing of God be upon you,  
**the blessing of the Christ of Love.**

The blessing of God be upon you,  
**the blessing of the Spirit of Peace.**

The blessing and friendship of the Three in One  
be upon you  
now and forever more.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**



\*Closing Sung Response *Alleluia*

\*Postlude *In Remembrance of Me* Jiyeon McGillicuddy