

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

September 1	10:45 AM	Worship service
September 2		Labor Day, office closed
September 3	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
September 4	5:00PM	Outreach committee meeting
	6/7:00 PM	Bell Choir/Choir rehearsal
September 5	7:00 PM	Vespers (Zoom)
September 8	10:45 AM	Worship service

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo

For those who desire our prayers:

Wendall Jones, Tim Stevens, Ted Trent, Timothy Hare, Kathy Perry, Katie Parker, Jackie Bailey, Maggie Miles, Cathy Thomas, John Gullett, Jim Fred Cassity, Jim Gross, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston, Tony Honeycutt

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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Undie Sundays in September



“Drop your drawers”
in the bin located by
1st floor elevator.

We are collecting for Rowan County Schools’ Family Resource Centers for elementary students in need.

sizes needed:
girls and boys sizes 4, 6 and 8
women’s and men’s sizes large and extra-large

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
InternsMichaela Burton, Mason Pack, Logan Smalley, Katie Webb
Liturgist..... Joe Barrett
Elder Yvonne Baldwin
Greeter..... Elizabeth Ash
Audio/Visual Team Maddox Reinhardt, Braeden Trent
Nursery Attendant..... Ellie Williams

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

September 1 - October 4

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 Joe Barrett
Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Call to Worship Joe Barrett
Let God hear the voice
of beloved Creation,
of people, of trees,
of birds, beasts, and fish.
Let life breathe out praise from the heights to the depths
to God the Creator, Sustainer and Friend.
Prayer of Awareness Joe Barrett
*Gathering Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 2
A Time of Confession Rev. Nancy Gowler
You have given us a world of beauty,
and we have spoilt it.
A world to feed us,
and so many go hungry.
A world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for,
and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness,
every time we have no thought for others,
no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world as a gift from you
that can be shared,
and those who live on it as our neighbors.
We ask this that your name
may be glorified,
through the beauty of this world,
and the service of our lives. Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Readings Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Joe Barrett
As the rain comes down to water the Earth,
Listen for God's Word,
through reading of Scripture.
With the help of the Spirit, amen.
Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* FCC Choir
Gospel Reading James 1:17-27 Rev. Nancy Gowler
For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God around us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.
Sermon *A Love Song with Creation's Kin* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Moment of Reflection
*Song of Response *Wind upon the Waters* 247
Prayers of the People Joe Barrett
Creating God, in this fragile world...
grant wisdom, hope and love.
The Lord's Prayer Joe Barrett
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 Yvonne Baldwin
All are welcome at Christ's table.
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Our Sacred Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler
Communion Prayer Yvonne Baldwin
The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler
Meditation *The Gift of Love* Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler
With the whole church,
we celebrate that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere,
we celebrate God's goodness at the heart of humanity
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.
With all creation,
we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.
*Closing Song *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 614, vs. 1-2
*Postlude *Wind upon the Waters* Jiyeon McGillicuddy