

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 and a worship activity center in back. Our nursery (2nd floor) is open at 10:30am for ages 0-4 years.

Communion: All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction. Please accept a piece of bread and dip it into the cup before the communing of the elements. Prepackaged communion is available at each entrance for those who prefer to stay at their seats.

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 4	10:45 AM	Worship service
May 6	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
May 7	6:30 PM	Bell choir
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
May 11	10:45 AM	Worship service
May 13	7:00 PM	Women of the Bible (Zoom)
May 14	6:30 PM	Bell choir

OUR PRAYERS

World Council of Churches ecumenical prayer calendar:

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

For those who desire our prayers: Betty Hall, Chip Letzgus,

Terri Thomas Richardson, Carol Clevenger Rose, Mike Matthews, Wayne Caldwell, Wendall Jones, Tom Stevens, Mable Brown, Carol Laferty, Amanda Baldwin, Yvonne Baldwin, Ansley Perryman, the family of Ruth Britt, Mitch Wilson, Noel Earl, Michael Scott Gammon, Ruby Pettit, Daniel Rogers, Katie Parker, Maggie Miles, Cathy Thomas, John Gullett, Jim Gross, Jim Fred Cassity, Ned Breschel, Hedy Caldwell, Eva Johnston

Prayer concerns and joys may be shared with the office.

Concerns will be posted for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

For those celebrating birthdays: Keyairah Bailey (5/4), Jiyeon McGillicuddy (5/7), Deb Eastwood (5/8)

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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 DirectorGenny Jenkins
Guest Keyboardist Jiyeon McGillicuddy
Interns.....Eli Campbell, Alura Schaum, Logan Smalley, Katie Webb
LiturgistJack Whidden
Elder Ginny Etherton
GreeterSusan Whidden
Communion Servers.....Fran Helphinstine, Mark Etherton
Audio/Visual Team Braeden Trent, Maddox Reinhardt

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, Osage people, of the Hopewell and Adena cultures, past, present, and emerging, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Welcome Rev. Nancy Gowler

Bell of Mindfulness Jack Whidden

Prelude *Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep* FCC Choir
by Carol Browning

Call to Worship Jack Whidden

Let there be joy in our coming together this morning.

**Let there be truth heard in the words we speak
and the songs we sing.**

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

Let there be joy in our coming together.

**Together let us celebrate the richness and diversity
of God's wonderful creation!**

Opening Prayer Jack Whidden

*Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken* 53

Prayer of Confession and Assurance Rev. Nancy Gowler

God of grace and truth,
as we gather in Christ's name,
help us to be open to your holy light in our hearts,
revealing our need for forgiveness,
our longing for your grace.

**Forgive our lack of attention to you,
our absence of word and action in following you,
our denial of your place within our lives.**

(Silent prayers may be offered)

Help us to know your Spirit with us,
your gracious forgiveness,
your strength in our hearts,
that we may hear your call and more closely follow you.

Amen.

Know this: the God who created us is the same God
who redeems us.

The God who redeems us is the God
who sends us out to serve.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SACRED STORIES

Scripture Reading Revelation 5:11-14 Jack Whidden

Listen now for the voice of God within the words of Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Special Music *I'll Walk With God* FCC Choir

words by Paul Francis Webster, music by Nicholas Brodsky

arranged by Douglas MacLean

Scripture Reading John 21:1-19 Rev. Nancy Gowler

Heavenly words for earthly people.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Breakfast at the Beach* Rev. Nancy Gowler

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response *I Bind My Heart This Tide* 350

Prayers of the People Jack Whidden

God of abundance . . .

fill the earth with your joy.

The Lord's Prayer Jack Whidden

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Passing of the Peace Rev. Nancy Gowler

Peace be with you . . .

And also with you.

Invitation to Communion Ginny Etherton

All are welcome at Christ's table.

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Our Story at the Table Rev. Nancy Gowler

Communion Prayer Ginny Etherton

The Sharing Rev. Nancy Gowler

Meditation Jiyeon McGillicuddy

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Closing Words of Hope Rev. Nancy Gowler

We saw a stranger yesterday.

We put food in the eating place,

drink in the drinking place,

music in the listening place.

And with the sacred name of the triune God

he blessed us and our house,

our cattle and our dear ones.

As the lark says in her song:

often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

*Sung Response *Go to the World!*



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -
live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth. Al -
seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude Jiyeon McGillicuddy