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## Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day – May 12, 2024

### THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

*Song of Assurance - Sherman*

Chancel Ringers

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid for I am your God.—Isaiah 40:10*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Claire Baer

Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth – vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5*

No. 56

***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.***

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

*Luke 24:13-35*

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

**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 sins as we**

**forgive those who sin 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.**

Special Music *Hashivenu* – arr. Austin Chancel Ringers  
*Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored. Lamentations 5:21*

Sermon *Church Is Not Just...A First Point of Contact* Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 231

***Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still,  
one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill,  
Christ who once upon a hilltop, raised against the power of sin,  
died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!***

***We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day,  
and have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away.***

***He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light.***

***Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Linda C. Carr

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Emily Wilson & Kerry Roach

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

*All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* – vs. 3 No. 231

***Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.  
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear.  
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,  
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.***

Common Confession

**I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.**

## THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory *Simplicity* – Compton Chancel Ringers

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

Doxology No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer

## THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*When the Poor Ones – vs. 1 & 2*

No. 662

***When the poor one who have nothing share with strangers,  
when the thirsty water give unto us all,  
when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.***

***When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,  
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,  
when we love though hate at time seems all around us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

*The Church's One Foundation – arr. Krug*

Chancel Ringers

*No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthian 3:11*

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**Memorials and Honors**

**Sermon Notes**

1. Go be great!

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2. Mindset change

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3. Walks with us

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4. Not self evident

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5. It's a movement

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12 MOTHER'S DAY / PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
	NO Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, May 13		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-W)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	YAS Music	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	CWF Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 14		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Sanctuary
5:30 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, May 15 YAS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
11:00 am	YAS End-of-Year Program/Graduation/Picnic	Sanctuary & Playground
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, May 16		
Friday, May 17		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, May 18		

## Join the VBS Team and Make a Difference!

This July 8-11, we will be welcoming over 160 students to our campus for four days of fun, worship, study, and more. Making this happen takes the efforts of many, both during the week of VBS, and in the weeks leading up to this fabulous event.

Here are a few of the ways you could serve:

- Registration helper
- Decorations team
- Publicity/Social Media Team
- Greeter
- Rotation Leader or Assistant
- Family Night team
- Supply Coordinator
- Small Group Leader or Assistant

If you are ready to help or would like more information, contact Claire Baer, Director of Children's Ministries (940.692.2282 or [claire@firstchristianwf.com](mailto:claire@firstchristianwf.com)).

**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



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).

# RESTORE AND REWIND



DISCIPLES  
NEXT

When it comes to church,  
we have a lot of negative  
tapes playing in our heads:

"Church is judgmental."  
"Church is hypocritical."  
"They think they're better  
than everyone else."

It's time for restoration.  
Time to rewind the tape.

**New Church Ministry is  
dedicated to fostering  
faithful communities  
marked by deep Christian  
spirituality and a passion  
for God's love and justice.**

Like our ancestors, we're going back to the beginning,  
when new Christian communities gathered together and  
shared all they had, organizing everything around the  
Spirit's dreams for their lives and their communities.

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, **God is singing a new song:  
not a song of judgment, but of welcome and forgiveness;  
not a song of superiority, but of humility and grace; not a  
song of hoarding, but of sharing everything we have!**

God's movement for wholeness is already underway. Our  
job is to listen, and learn, and follow - supporting leaders  
and communities as the Spirit calls them into being, laying  
down a new song for a new generation.

**Church as a place of generosity and justice. Church as a  
movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

Your gifts to the 2024 Pentecost Offering, received in most  
congregations on Sunday, May 12, and Sunday, May 19,  
are divided equally between your regional ministry, which  
supports local new churches, and **New Church Ministry**,  
which trains, equips, and assists emerging leaders to be  
"movement initiators."



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