

May 12, 2024

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. Please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray during communion.

Welcome and Announcements

Carol Roberts, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman & Lynda Perkins

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Carol Roberts & Congregation

L: Grace and peace to you in fullest measure.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

*Opening Hymn

BH #399 (1,2,4)

“Higher Ground”

*Invocation

Carol Roberts & Congregation

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mother's Day Reading

Carol Hedrick

A Selection from “Chronicles of a Messy Wonderful Life”
By Rachel Benjamin

Prayer Hymn

BH #88 (1,2,4)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer - “The Lord’s Prayer”

Sharla Hulsey

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Carol Roberts & Congregation

Psalm 139:7-12, 17-18 (JPS Translation)

L: Where can I escape from Your spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?

**P: If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
if I descend to the land of the dead,
You are there too.**

L: If I take wing with the dawn
to come to rest on the western horizon,

**P: even there Your hand will be guiding me,
Your right hand will be holding me fast.**

L: If I say, “Surely darkness will conceal me,
night will provide me with cover,”

**P: darkness is not dark for You;
night is as light as day;
darkness and light are the same.**

L: How weighty Your thoughts seem to me, O God,
how great their number!

**P: I count them—they exceed the grains of sand;
I end—but am still with You.**

Special Music

“A Christian Home”

Adult Choir

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-58

Carol Hedrick

Message

“Our Last Enemy”

Sharla Hulsey

Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

*Invitation Hymn

“Jesus, I Come”

BH #336 (1,2,4)

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*Doxology

CH #47

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Carol Roberts

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

BH #229 (All)

“Our God Reigns”

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Carol Roberts

Distribution of the Elements

Diaconate

Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Sharla Hulsey

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

BH #563 (1)

“Count Your Blessings”

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Greeter: Carol Hedrick

Elder: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick

Deacons: Carol Hedrick,

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Lyssa Lile

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This May, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with donations of *lunch type food items*. Examples: canned tuna/chicken, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, canned soup, and canned pasta. Bring donations to the church throughout the month. Thank you!

• **KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN**

The Stewardship Committee started a “Ketch-up” campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the “Ketch-Up” campaign.

• **PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING**

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.”

• **YOUTH GROUP** - Last meeting is Wednesday, May 15

• **BOARD MEETING** - Sunday, May 19 after Worship

• **COMMUNITY CAFÉ** - Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

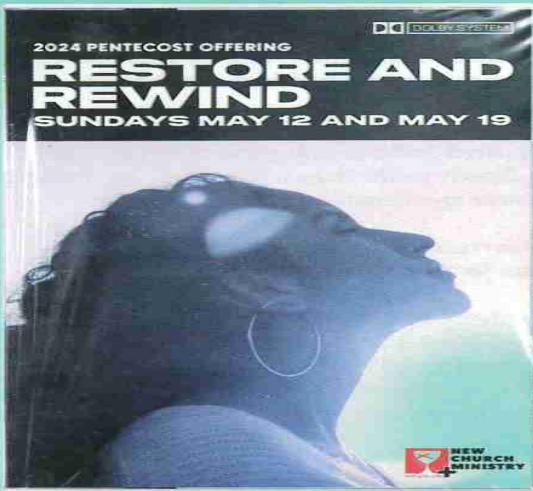
Sunday, May 12:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<i>(Mother’s Day)</i>	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Wednesday, May 15:	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 17:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, May 19:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21:	5:30 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday, May 22:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday, May 24:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

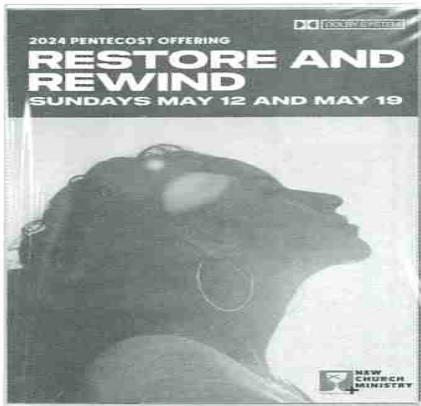
RESTORE AND REWIND
2024 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 12 & MAY 19

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.**

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Find additional Pentecost Offering resources at pentecost-offering.com