



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER

Welcome

Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary.

Children in Worship

Infants and children bring life to our worship and are always welcome. Worship Activity Bags for children are located at the back of the church: teal bags for 2-5 years, navy blue for 6-10 years. We offer childcare in our professionally staffed nursery in our downstairs nursery for children ages infancy through 6 years old.

Sunday School

All are welcome to join us for weekly Sunday School in the Christian Education wing located on the lower level. Preschool through adult Sunday morning learning is offered at 9am.

Sunday Brunch

Please join us for fellowship after worship in the Son Cafe. Today's menu: Mimosas, chocolate covered strawberries, deviled eggs, donut holes, mixed nuts, and Amanda's whimsical baked goods.

Interested in Membership?

Contact Pastor Craig, (309)-762-0787 or email craig@fccmoline.org.

Wi-Fi Password

Welcome!

Resources

Ushers can provide large print bulletins and hearing amplifiers.

Open and Affirming

We are an ONA church, please visit fccmoline.org/ona

Cover Art

He, Qi. Easter Morning, 2001

Today from the life of the church

The day of resurrection, an auspicious beginning! Radiantly let us celebrate this feast, giving one another the kiss of peace. Let us greet as brothers and sisters even those who hate us, and not merely those souls which in their charity have rendered us some service, or suffered for us. Let us pardon one another in honor of the resurrection, forgetting our mutual wrongs.

*George of Nazianzus
Fourth Century*

Mary Magdalene...is no one-dimensional woman. Here is no penitent sexual sinner, but rather a grateful and loyal friend of Jesus. Love for him made her strong, bold and courageous. She became, for all of us, the model of faithful discipleship. She, who stayed and suffered with her dying master -- of this Mary we can say "See how much she loved him."

Heather Gilmour

There was no sound to prepare us, no noise of miracle, no trumpet announcing the death of death -- or was it what we call life? We did not understand and we ran from the empty tomb, and then he came to us in silence. He did not explain, and at last I knew that only in silence is the Word.

Madeleine L'Engle

Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God.

***OPENING HYMN**

#123, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Holy God, by raising your son you lift up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant to your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through Christ our Risen Savior. Amen.**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,

And has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely,

But did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;

Here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me,

And you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected,

Has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SCRIPTURE

ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Lift High the Cross, by Joel Raney

GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

***HYMN**

#111, *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

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.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*The bread is eaten when served; the wine is held to be taken together.
Grape juice is clear; wine is red.*

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray, **We affirm the goodness of life and the openness of the future because our God is a God of life and love. As God comes to us in this act of communion with one another, let us go out to others in Jesus' name. May our every prayer be an action that brings healing, reconciliation and hope to a broken and hurting world. Amen**

Sending in Mission

***HYMN OF SENDING**

#122 Thine Is The Glory

***CHILDREN'S TIME**

During the fourth verse of the hymn, the children are invited to come to the front to prepare for the Easter Egg hunt.

***CHORAL BLESSING**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You by Peter Lutkin

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on Just a Closer Walk With Thee



Musicians featured on trumpet

Callen Brown

Kristin Lopez

Travis Lopez

Bell Ringer

Andrew Michl

SERVING TODAY

Ushers/Communion Servers

Jack Reimers
Kathy Reimers
Kim Fuller
Tom Woodburn
Michael Dyer
Pam Wendt
Steve Schippers
Judy Schippers
Laura Schippers

North Door Greeters

Gary Hammond
Michelle Hammond

Communion Prep

Jack Reimers
Kathy Reimers
Tom Woodburn
Michael Dyer

Lector

Katy Härle

Liturgist

Carol Freeman

Sound Tech

Jeff Newcomb

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Michael Swartz, Associate Pastor
Maureen Holmes, Chancel Choir Director
Mason Moss, Interim Organist/Pianist
Gail Glockhoff-Long, Campanella Rings Director
Jennifer Dailing, Office Assistant
Amber Moore, Director of Marketing and Communications
Becca Peterson, Director of Family Ministry
Sara Otta, Finance Manager
Wes Llewellyn, Fellowship Coordinator
Harleigh Jones, Nursery Coordinator
Amanda Peterson, Red Wagon Preschool Director
Mike DeToye and Ron Mahar, Custodians



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gathered to Share God's Love