



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



JULY 15TH, 2018

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

On Summer Break

Sunday Brunch

On Summer Break

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 for more information.

Getting connected

Please fill our pew pads to offer us a record of your attendance.

Cover Art

Martyrdom and Death of John the Baptist
Chorschanke der Kathedrale von Amiens.
Knipping, Detlef. Munchen: Deutscher
Kunstverlag, 2001.

*Today
from the life
of the church*

THE SKY GAVE ME ITS HEART

The sky gave me its heart
because it knew mine was not large
enough to care
for the earth the way it did.

Why is it we think of God so much?
Why is there so much talk
about love?

When an animal is wounded
no one has to tell it, "You need to heal";
so naturally it will nurse
itself the best it can.

My eyes keep telling me, "Something is
missing from
all I see." So it went in search of the cure.

The cure for me was His beauty, the remedy--
for me was to
love.

Rabia of Basra (717-801)

REST IN PRAYER

The sun hears the fields talking about effort
and the sun
smiles,

and whispers to
me,

"Why don't the fields just rest, for
I am willing to do
everything

to help them
grow?"

Rest, my dears, in
prayer.

St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

Baptized in Water arr. Moss

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**

Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Let every soul sing God's praises!

Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **God of all creation, everything that you have made lifts its unique voice to praise you in all of your glorious beauty. As we worship here, we join our voices to the song the morning stars began, the song King David danced, the song the angels echoed at the birth of your Son. Glory to you, Holy God! Glory to your beauty. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

#485 *To God Be the Glory*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff includes a triplet of eighth notes for 'al - le - lu - ia' and a fourth note for the final 'al - le - lu - ia'.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Missionaries

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12b - 19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world and those who dwell therein.

For the Lord has founded it upon the seas

and established it upon the rivers.

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,

and who may stand in God's holy place?

Those of the innocent hands and purity of heart,

**who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

They shall receive blessing from the Lord

and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of Glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well with My Soul arr. Cindy Berry

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

***HYMN**

#361 *How Firm a Foundation*

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on *Be Thou My Vision*'

*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

Sending in Mission

***HYMN OF SENDING**

#8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Lord I Lift Your Name on High arr. Moss



*To the glory of God and in loving memory of
our mother's birthday*

Given by: Tim and Tony Bell

SERVING TODAY

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