



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



JULY 22ND, 2018

NINTH 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

Solomon's Temple Jerusalem
Israel Truths, 2012.

Today
from the life
of the church



THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

One way of grasping the power of the pilgrimage sites of the ancient world - Jerusalem, Mecca, Rome, Babylon - is to think of them in terms of Disneyland, a family pilgrimage site of the modern world.

Our family visited Disneyland when we were recently in Southern California and took Jesse, our son-in-law, for his first visit. It was fun accompanying him to the various traditional spots in the park; It's a Small World, Tiki Room, Jungle Ride.

I first visited Disneyland in 1960 when I was in junior high. For our daughters it has been a facet of visiting grandma and grandpa over the years. So walking around the park brought back shared memories and special moments even as we introduced a new believer. It created a shared experience and a cultural vocabulary. It is something to talk about. Disneyland is an alternative reality.

Disneyland and other pilgrimage sites are adept at receiving the offerings of devotees. It costs a lot, and more today than in 1960. But you say, "What the heck. This is special."

One wonders, would Jesus have "issues" with Disneyland as he did with the Temple?

Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

Worship Medley 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.

*SANCTUARY

Music on page 10

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,

**Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.**

In Christ the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

**In whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray; **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

#417 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

***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!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kim Fuller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

2 SAMUEL 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:20-37

I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.
My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked bring him down.
I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.
I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.
He will say to me, 'You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.
I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.
If his children forsake my teaching
and do not walk according to my judgments;
if they break my statutes
and do not keep my commandments;
I will punish their transgressions with a rod
and their iniquities with the lash;
but I will not take my love from him
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
I will not break my covenant
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;
it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky."

SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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*GOSPEL

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Swartz

***HYMN**

#326 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on 'Canon in D'

*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**

#443 *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. Moss



The rosebuds on the altar are in celebration of the birth of:

*Luke Sommers (3/28/18)
Son of Colin and Rachel Sommers
Grandson of Nancy Michl*

*Kael Meers (3/27/18)
Son of Chris and Aubrey Meers*

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

*Rezin and Charlotte Scott
Given by: The Ylinen Family*

SERVING TODAY

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Jim Moorhusen

Ushers

Dixie Duckett

Ann Millman

Mike Bealer

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Lector/Liturgist

Patti Ensey

North Door Greeters

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Gathered to Share God's Love