



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

*GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE*

If scripture commands, "love your neighbor as you love yourself." [Mt. 22:39]

*Then who is my neighbor?*

*Entonces, ¿quién es mi vecino?*

*Alors, qui est mon voisin?*

*فاذاً من هو قريبي؟*

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UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
God is still speaking.

**OCTOBER 7TH, 2018**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

# Welcome

*Please turn off cell phones in 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**

Join us for weekly Sunday School in the Christian Education wing located on the lower level.

## **Sunday Brunch**

Menu: Pulled pork and pineapple slaw sliders, toaster items, cookies and ice cream

## **Interested in Membership?**

Contact Pastor Craig, call (309)-762-0787 or email [craig@fccmoline.org](mailto: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](http://fccmoline.org/ona) for more information.

## **Getting connected**

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

## **Cover Art**

## *Today* from the life of the church

The spiritual life constantly offers its neophytes the equivalent of all these temptations [of Christ]. There are those who think first of their own spiritual hunger, and the imperative duty of feeding their own souls; those for whom the spiritual life means spiritual privilege -- who defy common sense, take foolish risks, and call the proceedings "trust in God"; those who accept methods of recommending religion which are something less than spiritual, and call this "dealing with the conditions of modern life." All these courses in their different ways may seem prudent; and all wilt away before the selfless prudence of Christ. That picture, in its austere majesty and loneliness, forces the soul to consider how much disguised self-interest, how much irresponsibility, how much inclination to compromise, hang about its ground floor and impede the purity of its choice for God. For the inner spring which governs all truly prudent choice is such a generous general and self-oblivious surrender as over-rules mere personal preference, can envisage with equal calmness apparent failure and apparent success, and ignores even its own spiritual advantage. The New Testament contains no single instance in which our Lord sought or obtained a private spiritual advantage.

*The House of the Soul*  
Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)

# Gathering of God's People

## PRELUDE

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* arr. Phillip Keveren

## GREETING AND WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come here today not because we are clever  
but because God invites us to learn.

**We come here not because we are wise,  
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found  
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,  
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come  
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts  
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O Wise God. You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child; you teach us that the last are first and the first, last; you lead us on the way to new life that leads through death. Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom and your vulnerable power; give us joy to receive it and courage to live it, through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

#293 This Is My Father's World

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray. **We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# *Proclaiming the Good News*

## SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8

O Lord our Lord,

**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers

**The moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

**with glory and honor you crown them.**

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## SCRIPTURE

HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I want to Walk As a Child of the Light*

### **\*GOSPEL**

MARK 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

### **\*HYMN**

#507 I Come With Joy

# *Responding to the Good News*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on 'Morning Has Broken' - Moss

\*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**

#464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*He Hideth My Soul* Arr. Mark Hayes



*To the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Louie and Mayola Schippers*

*Given by: Judy and Steve Schippers*

## **SERVING TODAY**

### *Ushers*

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