



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE*



**MAY 26TH, 2019**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# 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**

Preschool through adult Sunday morning learning is offered during the 9 o'clock hour in the Christian Education wing located on the lower level. Toaster items & pastry are available before Sunday school and adult forum.

## **Sunday Brunch**

Please join us for fellowship after worship in the Son Cafe. Today's menu is: Chili cheese dogs, tater tots, fruit salad & miscellaneous goodies.

## **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**

*Christ at the Pool of Bethesda*, Wolffort, Artus (1581-1641)

*Today*  
from the life  
of the church

There is perhaps no better way to learn the state of our soul than to note how we say the Lord's prayer. If the words come easily, half thoughtlessly, from our lips, it testifies to great immaturity, to sloth and indifference, for they are such weighty words, so rich in content! ... When we thank God for all his blessings, we must reckon the Lord's Prayer as one of the greatest, for it is so wonderfully adapted to all ages, all conditions, all moods. If we were born into a Christian home, we do not remember the first time we prayed it, as little as we remember the first time we saw our father and mother. So much else changes and grows old, but it is eternally young and grows in strength as the years pass. So much else has failed us, but it was our faithful guide through all vicissitudes. They are the same words, repeated again and again, yet how they can change their shape.... How flexibly it fits itself to our needs while remaining always the same, ever embraced and borne up by the words, "Our Father"! We desire no higher wisdom than to be able to pray our Lord's prayer with ever greater sincerity and inwardness, and we do not wish to die with any other prayer on our lips. Therefore we thank thee, our God, for Our Lord's Prayer.

*The World of Prayer*  
Ditlev Gothard Monard (1811-1887)

# *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**

From God comes the wonder of creation.

**We will worship God the Creator.**

From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.

**We will worship God our Redeemer.**

From God comes the strength to face the new day.

**We worship God our Sustainer.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray: **Come now, Holy Spirit.**

**Let our worship rejoice in you,**

**and lift our hearts,**

**and bind us in one family of loving grace.**

**We ask in Jesus' name; Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*(Music on the next page)*

*\* Indicates when to stand in body or spirit*

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reign - eth, shelters thee  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee! Sure-ly his

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul, 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reign - eth, shelters thee 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee! Sure-ly his

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praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,  
un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus-tain - eth! Hast thou not seen  
good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-tend thee; pon-der a - new

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus-tain - eth! Hast thou not seen good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at-tend thee; pon-der a - new

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now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
how thy de-sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain - eth?  
what the Al-might-y will do, if with his love he be-friend thee.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: now to his tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion. how thy de-sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or-dain - eth? what the Al-might-y will do, if with his love he be-friend thee.

# Affirmation of Baptism

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

...To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**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!

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 begins with a triplet of eighth notes and a fourth note, followed by a group of four eighth notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Kristi Bailey

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# *Proclaiming the Good News*

## **SCRIPTURE**

ACTS 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

## SCRIPTURE

REVELATION 21: 10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Shall We Gather At the River?* - arr. Spevacek

**\*GOSPEL**

JOHN 5: 1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew, Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

**\*HYMN**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*(Music on the next page)*

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in all life thou

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music is a hymn tune with three verses of lyrics.

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ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and flour - ish as

The second system of music continues the hymn tune. It begins with a measure rest labeled '6'. The notation and lyrics continue from the first system.

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An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish— but naught changeth thee.

The third system of music concludes the hymn tune. It begins with a measure rest labeled '11'. The notation and lyrics continue from the second system.

# *Responding to the Good News*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **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**

## *Sending in Mission*

### **\*HYMN OF SENDING**

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing  
(Music on the next page)*

### **\*CHORAL BLESSING**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Lutkin*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

## Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis-miss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy-ful sound;  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling pilgrim way,

5  
let us each, your love pos - sessing, triumph in re - deem-ing grace.  
may the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

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O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in endless day.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Charles and Louise Llewelyn and Fred and Helen Teufel*

*Given by: Wes and Susan Llewelyn*

## **SERVING TODAY**

### *Ushers*

Cliff Carlson  
Dixie Duckett  
Charles Curry  
Sunny Moorhusen

### *North Door Greeters*

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