



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



JUNE 16TH, 2019

TRINITY SUNDAY

Welcome

Please silence your cell phones, but please check in with our Church App and via social media.

For Parents and Children

Activity Bags for children (teal, 2-5 years, navy blue, 6-10 years) hanging in back of sanctuary; professionally staffed nursery, infancy through 6 years old, available downstairs; Hearthside Parenting room, with diaper-changing station, privacy for nursing mothers, and livecast of worship, provided in church office (use side exit and follow the signs).

Interested in Membership?

Contact Pastor Craig, call (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: fccmoline.org/ona

We are an ONA church, covenanting with all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or identity. All people are welcome to participate fully in the life of the church, including the rites, sacraments, and leadership of the congregation.

Today
from the life
of the church

Here is a man suffering on his bed of pain, and the church comes to him to perform the sacrament of healing. For this man, as for every person and the whole world, suffering can be the defeat, the way of a complete surrender to darkness, despair and solitude. It can be dying in the very real sense of the word. And yet it can be also the ultimate victory of a person and of Life in that person. The church does not come to restore health in this man, simply to replace medicine when medicine has exhausted its own possibilities. The church comes not merely to “comfort” him in his sufferings, not to “help” him, but to make him a martyr, a witness to Christ in his very suffering. A martyr is one for whom God is not another -and the last- chance to stop the awful pain; God is his very life, and thus everything in his life comes to God, ascends to the fullness of Love.

For the Life of the World
Alexander Schmemmann (1921-1983)

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**

Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,

who loves us with an everlasting love,

as a father loves his children;

**who gathers us together from the north and the south,
the east and the west;**

who leads us beside quiet streams,

and shows us the way we should go.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Gracious and loving God. We are grateful for all those who have taught us and loved us; for fathers present and those who have now entered your realm. Bless each one here with wisdom and patience. Get us all ready for the journey of service, aware of the dangers, but steadfast in our faith, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(Music on the next page)

** Indicates when to stand in body or spirit*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1 Holy, holy, ho - ly! Lord— God Al-might-y! Ear - ly in the
3 Holy, holy, ho - ly! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made
4 Holy, holy, ho - ly! Lord— God Al-might-y! All thy works shall

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The music features a melody in the upper staff and a supporting bass line in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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morn - ing our song shall rise to thee; ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see, on-ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea; ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

The second system of music continues from the first. It also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

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mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
there is none be - side thee, per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The third system of music concludes the piece. It consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The music ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Chris 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**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Wes Llewellyn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth-- when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

ROMANS 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

***HYMN**

Faith of Our Fathers
(Music on the next page)

Faith of Our Fathers

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun-geon,
2. Our fathers, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great pow'r shall draw all na - tions
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

7
fire and sword; O how our hearts beat high with
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from
all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows

12 REFRAIN
joy when-e'er we hear God's glo - rious Word:
fate if they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our
God his peo - ple shall in - deed be free:
how by wit - ness true and vir - tuous life:

18
fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

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**

My Hope Is Built
(Music on the next page)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



*The altar flowers are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory of
Susan Sprenkle*

Given by: David Sprenkle

My Hope Is Built

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2 When dark - ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

7 whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

11 oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SERVING TODAY

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