



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



JUNE 30TH, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome

Wi-Fi Password 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).

Live@FCC

Sunday worship is live streamed. Please help support this ministry by sitting in the front two sections. The two sections behind the side aisles are reserved for our guests and for privacy. Children's time is not live streamed.

Interested in Membership?

Contact Pastor Craig, call (309)-762-0787 or email craig@fccmoline.org.

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

In his epistle James implies that if we had it (wisdom) we should count it all joy when we fall into trouble. What difference that would make to many of us! And even if we came short of rejoicing, and were only able to subdue our discontent and impatience, and to rise above the transient troubles of the eternal treasure which it cannot lessen, the eternal glory which it cannot dim, how great a thing it would be! This wisdom, if we had it, would transfigure life. You have an unreasonable employer; wisdom would teach you to regard his unreasonableness as a divinely appointed discipline to train you to good temper. A man has greatly wronged you; wisdom would teach you to regard the wrong as giving you the opportunity of fulfilling our Lord's precept: "Bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you." You occupation is dreary, monotonous, badly paid; wisdom will teach you to do your word as unto the Lord and not unto men, and this will bring down into your work-room light from heaven. You lose money that you have worked hard for; wisdom will teach you that this loss will help you not to put your trust in uncertain riches. And so when a man once comes to see that human life is surrounded by infinite horizons, all things will be changed; conduct will have a new law, the heart will find new peace.

"The Gospel of Suffering"
Robert William Dale (1829-1895)

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**

With gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us Pray: **Lord, we want to follow you whoever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your Spirit that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
(Music on the next page)

** Indicates when to stand in body or spirit*

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole weakened bo - dy, fainting soul;



man - i - fest-ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca-na, wed-ding guest, in your God-head man - i - fest,
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev-il's might;



branch of roy - al Da-vid's stem, in your birth at Beth - le-hem:
you re-vealed your power di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine,
man - i - fest in gra-cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:

Refrain



“You are Christ,” by us con-fessed— God in flesh made man-i-fest.

***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 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**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Newcomb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 77

I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;

**my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.**

I will remember the works of the Lord,

and call to mind your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your acts

and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy;

who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders

and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;

the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;

your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;

the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightning lit up the world;

the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,

yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 5: 1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*GOSPEL

LUKE 9: 51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem.

When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Dana Martin

***HYMN**

Take Up Your Cross



1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
5. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor



you would my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
let your fool - ish pride be still; The Lord for you ac -
think till death to lay it down; For those who hum - bly



will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
cept - ed death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
bear the cross One day will wear the glo - rious crown.

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**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
(Music on the next page)*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be -
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, Though none go
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be -
with me, I still will fol - low, Though none go with me, I still will
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Mike Wendt*

Given by: Pam and Cissy Wendt

SERVING TODAY

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Linda Shearer

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Lector

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