



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE*



**JULY 7TH, 2019**

**FOURTH 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](mailto:craig@fccmoline.org).

## **Resources**

Ushers can provide large print bulletins and hearing amplifiers.

## **Open and Affirming: [fccmoline.org/ona](http://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

The passengers of the Arbella who left England in 1630 with their new charter had a great vision. They were to be an example for the rest of the world in rightful living. Future governor John Winthrop stated their purpose quite clearly: "We shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all people are upon us." These Congregational ancestors were on an errand into the wilderness to set up a theocracy to which Europe would look and then emulate.

This earliest idea could not accommodate theological diversity, so some had to move on when they espoused religious ideas different from the established ones. By contrast, William Penn and other Quakers believed that everyone had to seek God in his or her own way. Penn also thought that religious tolerance – or "liberty of conscience" – would create stronger governments and wealthier societies. And Penn had the opportunity to act on his beliefs. In Pennsylvania, religious tolerance was the law.

Penn welcomed settlers from all faiths to Pennsylvania. Each of the other American colonies, like Catholics in Delaware and Congregationalists in Massachusetts, had established an official church, but Penn did not. Yet religious tolerance did not mean that colonists of all faiths had equal rights. Only Christians could vote or hold political office. But all settlers could take part in the social and economic life of Pennsylvania.

*Religious liberty was a work in progress.*

# *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**

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

**God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**

Where there was no way

**God leads us in a new way**

Where there was no mercy

**God surprises us with fresh mercy**

Where there was weeping

**God invites us to step into a new dance.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let us Pray: **Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness. Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to you by serving others. Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and hope, that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming love. Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
(Music on the next page)

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

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your tribute  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his peo - ple in dis -  
4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and it is

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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bring. Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, Ev - er - more his  
tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er, Slow to chide, and  
gone. But while mor - tals rise and per-ish, God en-dures un -

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It starts at measure 9. The treble staff has the vocal line and the bass staff has the accompaniment.

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prais-es sing. Alle - luia! Alle - luia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
swift to bless. Alle - luia! Alle - luia! Glo - rious in his faithful - ness.  
changing on. Alle - luia! Alle - luia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one.

The third system of music concludes the piece. It starts at measure 16. The treble staff has the vocal line and the bass staff has the accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

**\*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**

Tami Marshall

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# *Proclaiming the Good News*

### SCRIPTURE

2 KINGS 5: 1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!'

Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 30**

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;  
**give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.

**Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,  
**“I shall never be disturbed.**

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
**Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
**I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**  
“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
**Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
**O Lord, be my helper.”**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
**you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 6: 1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC



**\*GOSPEL**

LUKE 10: 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!”

And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

**\*HYMN**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*  
(Music on next page)

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,

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preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your promise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,

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And the gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your  
Life a - bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor,  
Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a -

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pur-pose With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
 draw us Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;  
 round us Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's

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gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.

# *Responding to the Good News*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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**

# *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**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



*The altar flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Myrtle and Ken Capouch*

## 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,

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let us each, your love pos - sessing, tri-umph 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.

## **SERVING TODAY**

### *Ushers*

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Mary Curry  
Kathy Harris  
Pam Wendt

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