



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE*

# *Holy Baptism*



JULY 14TH, 2019

FIFTH 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

Here is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed-for feast of the year. Here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith.

*Ancient Easter homily*

Religion is nothing else but this promise of God. Every religious practice, every rite, all liturgy is a form of the recitation of the name of the Lord and in principle should have a real virtue, the virtue of saving whoever devotes herself to performing it with desire.

*Simone Weil*

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 3:27-28*

# *Gathering of God's People*

## **PRELUDE**

Partita in "Nettleton" - John Eggert

## **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**

Who is my neighbor?

**The righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the wicked.**

Who else is my neighbor?

**The rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.**

Is anyone else my neighbor?

**The great and the small, the arrogant and the humble.**

We all belong to God and are worthy of God's love!

**Open our hearts and souls and minds and give us strength,  
that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray, **O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments  
by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and  
united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*  
(Music on the next page)

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

# I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to  
2. I want to see \_\_\_ the bright - ness of God, I want to  
3. I'm look - ing for \_\_\_ the com - ing of Christ, I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my  
fol - low Je - sus. When we have run \_\_\_ with pa - tience the



world, the star of my life \_\_\_ is Je - sus. In Him there  
path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
race, we shall know the joy \_\_\_ of Je - sus.



is no dark - ness at all, the night and the day \_\_\_ are both a -



-like; The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of



God, shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## *Service of Baptism*

**INVITATION**

**ADDRESS**

**QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT**

People of God, do you promise your love, support, and care for Finley James Lopez and Kaiya Diane Lopez as they live and grow in Christ?

**We promise our love, support, and care.**

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

**I renounce them.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended to heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**\*PRAYER OF BAPTISM**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**NAMING OF A CHILD; ACT OF BAPTISM**

*Finley James Lopez*

*Kaiya Diane Lopez*

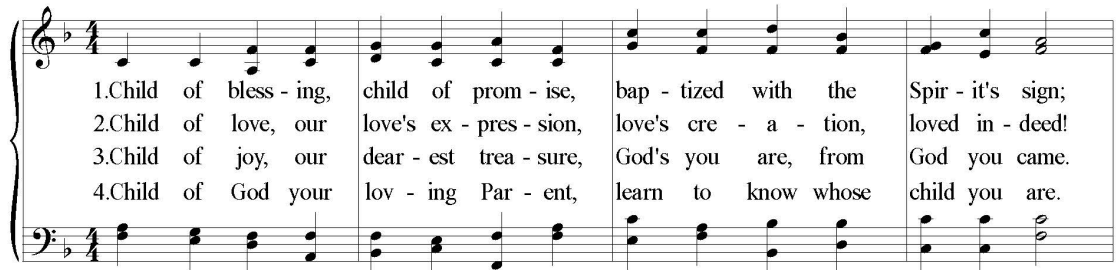
## BAPTISM PARADE

### \*PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

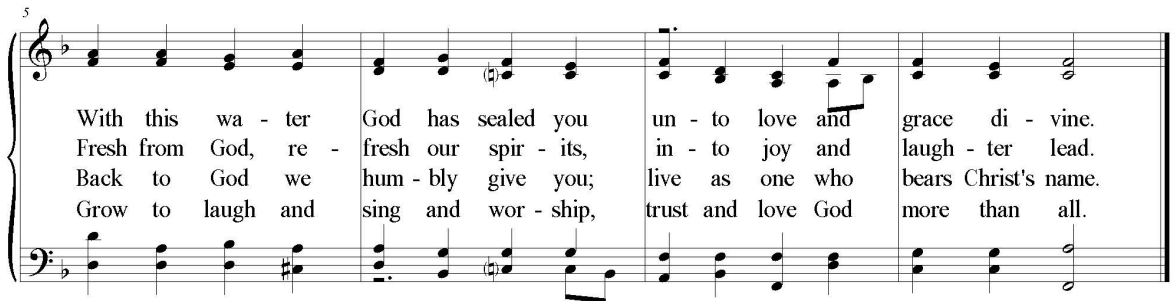
Let us pray. **Bless these children, and their parents, we pray, and give them strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.**

### \*BAPTISMAL HYMN

*Child of Blessing. Child of Promise*



1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign;  
2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



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With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

# *Proclaiming the Good News*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

AMOS 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’” “Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’” Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,

**giving judgment in the midst of the gods:**

“How long will you judge unjustly,

**and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan;

**defend the humble and needy;**

rescue the weak and the poor;

**deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they wander about in darkness;

**all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,

**and all of you children of the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

**and fall like any prince.”**

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

**for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Borning Cry*, Ylvisaker, arr. Kallman

Audra Bailey, flute

**\*GOSPEL**

LUKE 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

**\*HYMN**

*Blest Are the Pure in Heart*  
(Music on the next page)

## Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give

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#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes.

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se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. It begins with a measure rest for 5 measures. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the upper staff.

# *Responding to the Good News*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

*Allegretto* - Eugene Coigout

**\*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**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness  
(Music on the next page)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

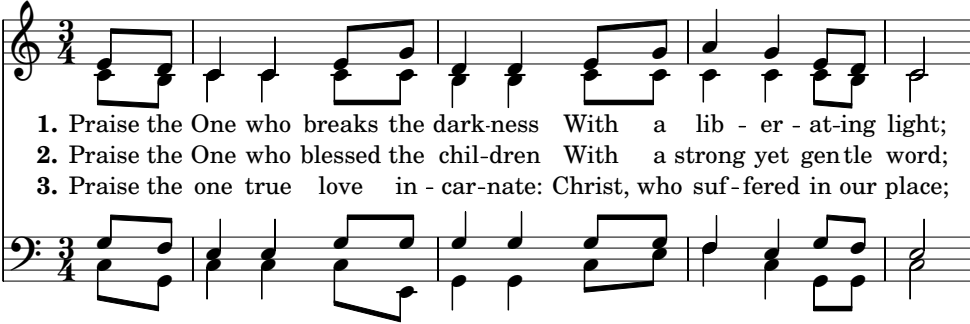
*March - Henry Smart*



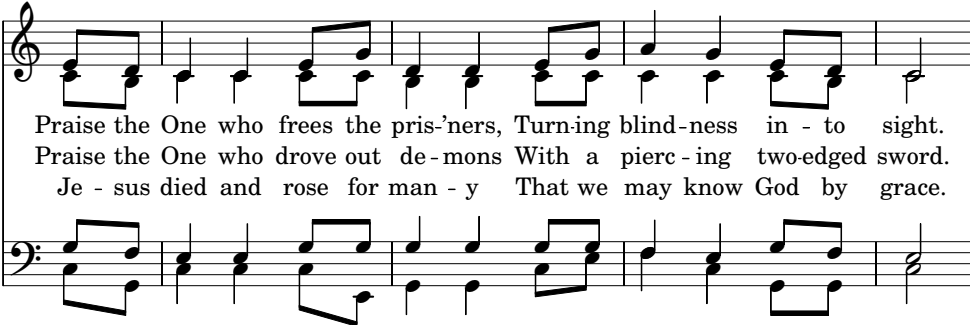
*The altar flowers are given  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Barbara Bell's birthday*

*Given by: Tim and Tony Bell*

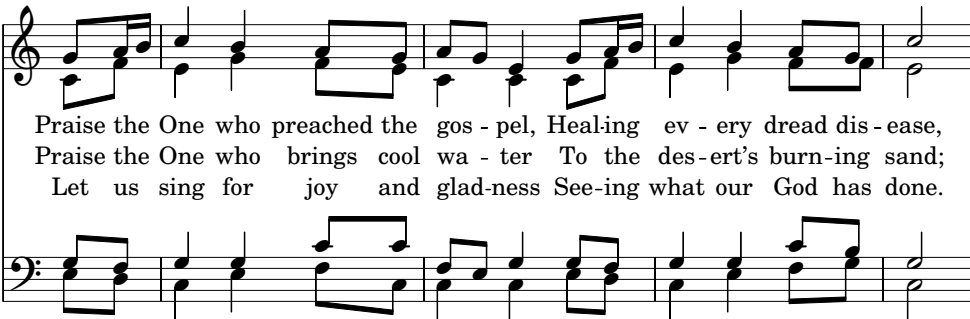
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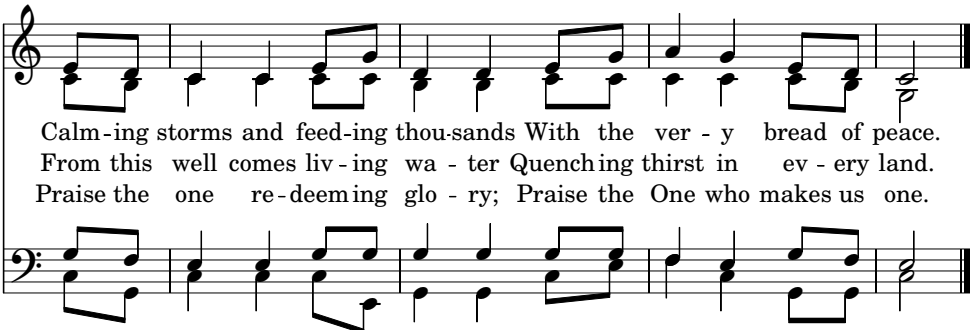
1. Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness With a lib - er - at-ing light;  
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren With a strong yet gentle word;  
3. Praise the one true love in - car-nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



Praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, Turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
Praise the One who drove out de-mons With a pierc-ing two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y That we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Healing ev - ery dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the des-ert's burn-ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness See-ing what our God has done.



Calm-ing storms and feed-ing thousands With the ver - y bread of peace.  
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter Quenching thirst in ev - ery land.  
Praise the one re-deem-ing glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.

## **SERVING TODAY**

### *Ushers*

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Cliff Carlson

Lucy Manis

Nancy Michl

Kim Fuller

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JoAnn Wandrey

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