



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

**BIX
SUNDAY**



AUGUST 4TH, 2019

EIGHTH 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.

Sunday Brunch

Join us for the Bix Brunch following worship in the Son Cafe! *Brunch Menu: Pulled Pork (fresh off Dustin Peterson's Smoker), Coleslaw and angel food cake with fresh strawberries.*

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

“DIG HERE” THE ANGEL SAID

She caught me off guard when my soul said
to me,
“Have we met?”

So surprised I was to hear her speak like that
I chuckled.

She began to sing a tale: “There was once a
hardworking man
who used to worry so much because he could
not feed and clothe his children and
wife the way he wanted.

There was a beautiful little chapel in the
village
where the man lived and one day while
he was praying, an angel
appeared.

The angel said, ‘Follow me.’ And he did out
into an ancient forest.
‘Now dig here,’ the angel said. And the man
felt strength in
his limbs he had not known since youth and
with just
his bare hands he dug deep and found a
lost treasure, and his relationship
with the world changed.”

Finding our soul's beauty does that--gives us
tremendous freedom
from worry.

“Dig here,” the angel said--
“in your soul,
in your
soul.”

St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Gathering of God's People

EXTENDED PRELUDE

Musical Selections from the Mossman Quintet

PRELUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In - Mossman Quintet

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**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing of God's glorious name,
glorify him with your praise!

**Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
shouting your name in glorious songs.**

Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he has done for us!

**Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise.
Our lives are in God's hands,
who keeps our feet from stumbling,
And inspires us to sing and dance.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray; **Holy, Creating, Creative God,
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.
We sing from the abundance of our joy.
We sing in voices separate and unique.
We sing with one voice as your body.
May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry,
be pleasing in your sight. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(Music on the next page)

** Indicates when to stand in body or spirit*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no shad-ow of
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear presence to



turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com - pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a - bove join with all na-ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright hope for to - mor-row—



as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love. Great is thy faith-fulness!
bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is thy faith-fulness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-fulness, Lord, un-to me!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

***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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kim Fuller

Proclaiming the Good News

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

HOSEA 1:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,

for God's mercy endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim

that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

gathering them in from the lands;

**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes;

they found no path to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty;

their spirits languished within them.

Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,

and you delivered them from their distress.

You led them on a straight path

to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love

and your wonderful works for all people.

For you satisfy the thirsty soul

and fill the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things,

and consider will the Lord's steadfast love.

SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 3: 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Davenport Blues - Bix Beiderbecke

***GOSPEL**

LUKE 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Dave Geenen

***HYMN**

How Great Thou Art
(Music on the next page)

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I
3 And when I think that God, his Son not
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have
wan - der and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy power throughout the u - ni - verse dis - played:
grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze:
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin:
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

What A Friend We Have In Jesus - Mossman Quintet

***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**

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
(Music on the next page)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

This Little Light of Mine - Mossman Quintet



*The altar flowers are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory of
Donald E. Engstrom*

Given by: June and family

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;—
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal- ter, Lord, who cares?—
 3. When my fee- ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;—
Just a clo- ser walk with Thee, Grant it, Je- sus, is my plea,—

D.C. for Refrain

I'll be sa - tis - fied as long— As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 Who with me my bur- den shares?— None but Thee, dear_ Lord, none but Thee.
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er— To Thy king - dom_ shore, to Thy shore.
Dai - ly wal- king close to Thee,— Let it be, dear_ Lord, let it be.



**Mossman Quintet Includes: Mason Moss - Piano | Devon White - Bass
Wes Julien - Drums | Karli Bunn - Saxophone | Demetrio Lyle - Trumpet**

The Mossman Quintet is an area combo led Mason Moss. Formed out of a need for a group of younger musicians in the area jazz scene. We play a wide variety of styles including swing, latin, funk, blues, and others. In memory of Bix Beiderbecke, Karli and Demetrio, guest soloists, will give the group the true dixieland feel. All of us are very excited to share our musical gifts with the congregation and hope you enjoy!

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Steve & Judy Schippers
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Carol Freeman
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