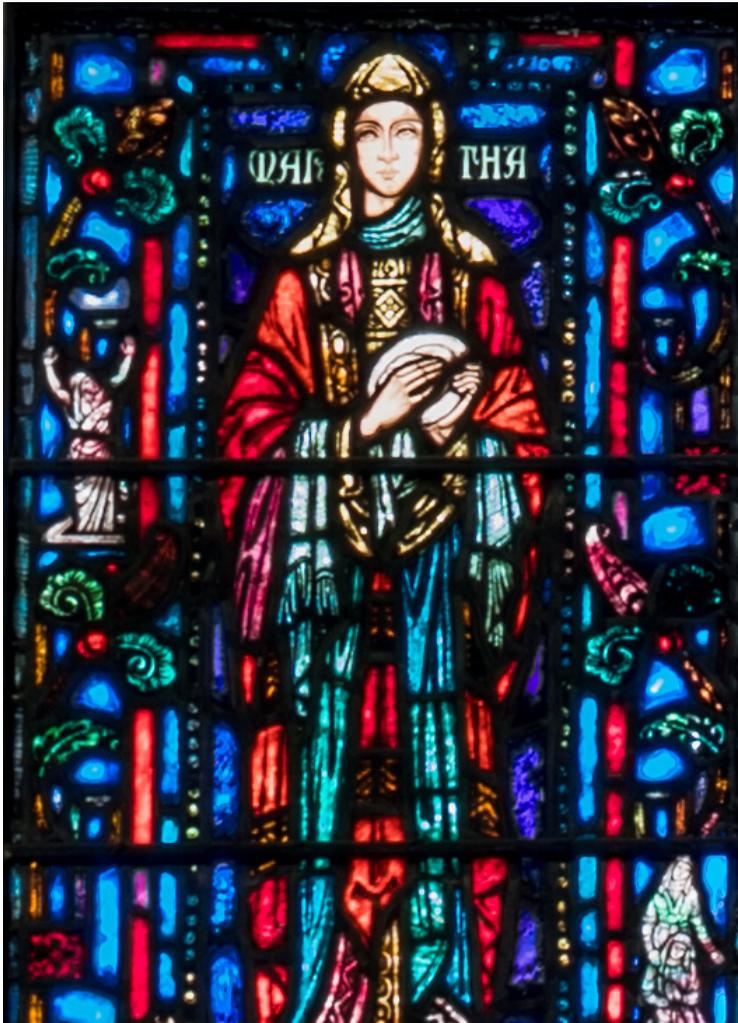




**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE*



OCTOBER 13TH, 2019

**EIGHTEENTH 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**

Please join us for brunch downstairs. Today's Menu: assorted quiche, green salad, fruit, salad and cookies.

## **Interested in Membership?**

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

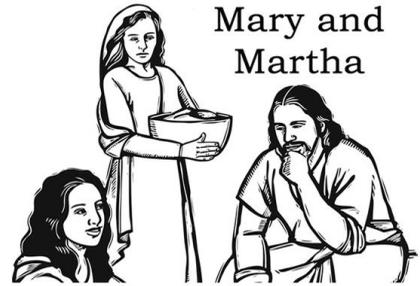
## **Resources**

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



Mary and  
Martha

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus visits the home of two sisters named Mary and Martha. Mary is contrasted with her sister Martha, who was “cumbered about many things” while Jesus was their guest, while Mary had chosen “the better part,” that of listening to the master’s discourse.

There is room for both Mary and Martha in Jesus’ community.

*All God’s creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,*

“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,...” the Gospel of John tells us. Whoever we identify with, Mary or Martha, we are loved for who we are, not for who we are not.

*Pastor Michael*

# *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**

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,

**but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.**

In the same way, let your light shine before others,

**so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray: **Holy God, this church has sought to serve you for some 175 years so far, and let the light of your love shine through our efforts to bring glory to your name. Give us the courage to use 'this little light' of our faith to give witness to you in our time and in this place; through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
(Music on the next page)

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

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Come un-to me and rest, lay  
2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "Be-hold, I free-ly give the  
3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look

5  
down O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast." I  
liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live." I  
un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I

9  
came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn and sad; I  
came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my  
looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

13  
found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our helper, **we confess the many ways**  
**We have failed to live as your disciples.**  
**We have not finished what we began.**  
**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**  
**We have been captivated by our possessions.**  
**Lift our burdens, gracious God.**  
**Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.**  
**Raise us to new life you have chosen for us**  
**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 CHOIR**

*Bring You Praise, Singer, arr. Milton*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

# *Proclaiming the Good News*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

ESTHER 4:12-17

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 45:6-12**

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever,

**a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.**

You love righteousness and hate iniquity;

**therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,

**and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.**

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;

**on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gulf of Ophir.**

Hear, O daughter consider and listen closely;

**Forget your people and your father's house**

The king will desire your beauty;

**he is your master, so bow before him.**

The city of Tyre brings tribute;

**The wealthiest of the people seek your favor**

## SCRIPTURE

ACTS 16:9-12

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Raise Your Voices!*, arr. Roger Emerson

## \*GOSPEL

JOHN 11:17-44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out.

They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

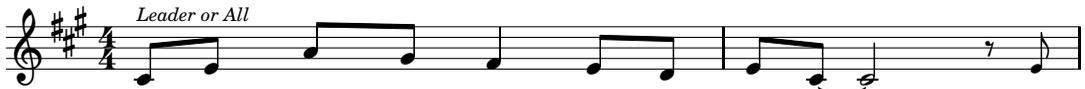
**SERMON**

Rev. Michael Swartz

**\*HYMN**

*I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)*  
*(Music on the next page)*

## I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the shadows of the night,  $\gamma$   
 healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the  
 am the peace the world can-not give. I will call your name, em-



claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
 I will be your light.  $\gamma$  Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
 lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
 brac - ing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

### *Refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.



Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are



mine." 4 "I

# *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**

*Give Thanks, O Christian People  
(Music on next page)*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

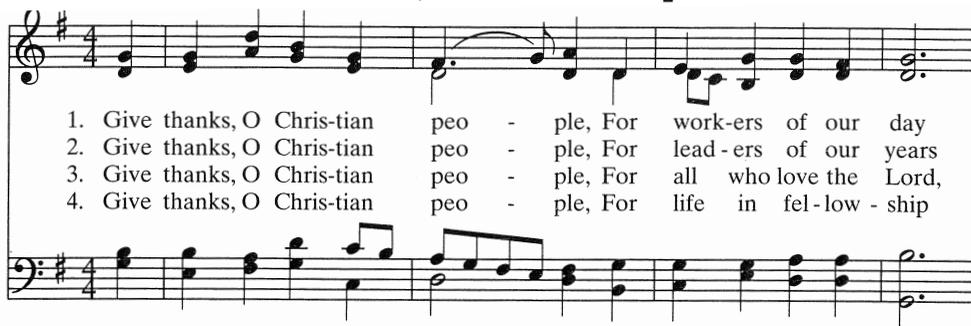
### **\*POSTLUDE**



*The altar flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Beatrice Joy and Hilton Simpson.*

*Given by: Kristi Bailey and family*

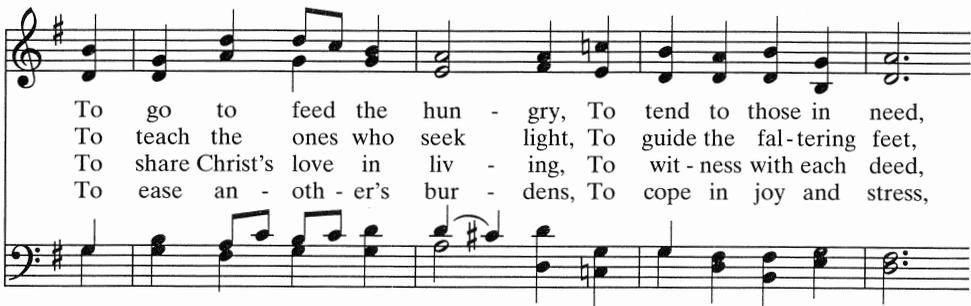
## Give Thanks, O Christian People



1. Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, For work-ers of our day  
2. Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, For lead-ers of our years  
3. Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, For all who love the Lord,  
4. Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, For life in fel-low - ship



Who heed the call to ser - vice And make it their life's way  
Who live to share with oth - ers Our joy when Christ ap - pears,  
Who live each day be - liev - ing In God's e - ter - nal Word:  
With all who trust our Sav - ior Their serv - ing to e - quip



To go to feed the hun - gry, To tend to those in need,  
To teach the ones who seek light, To guide the fal-tering feet,  
To share Christ's love in liv - ing, To wit - ness with each deed,  
To ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, To cope in joy and stress,



To work for e - qual jus - tice, Till all God's folk are freed.  
To lead the fol - lowers for - ward Our liv - ing Lord to meet.  
To use the tal - ents giv - en To plant the gos - pel seed.  
To mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage And Christ's great love con - fess.

## **SERVING TODAY**

*Ushers/North Door Greeters*  
4th/5th/6th Grade Class

*Usher Guide*  
Kim Fuller

*North Door Greeter*  
JoAnn Wandrey

*Live@FCC*  
Dave Geenen

*Lector*  
Avianna Michl  
Olivia Glenn

*Reading Guide*  
Alex Wandrey

*Liturgist*  
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