



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE LEADER



APRIL 12TH, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

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).

FCC Live

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

Sunday Brunch is currently cancelled.

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

When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit that our lives are all that really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines what kind of people we are.

- Cesar Chavez

Observe those who hold erroneous opinions concerning the grace of Jesus Christ, which has come to us, and see how they run counter to the mind of God! They concern themselves with neither works of charity, nor widows, nor orphans, nor the distressed, nor those in prison or out of it, nor the hungry or thirsty.

- Ignatius of Antioch Second Century

"Change and decay--in all around I see," we cheerfully sang in my days as a choirboy. Another stanza should have taught us this lesson: it is not only beauty and life that disappear in the cycle of time. Pain too passes, along with heartbreak, fear, and sickness. In a world doomed to fragility, death itself shall someday die.

- Robert Griffith

May my song rise like incense in thy presence. And for us may it be a perfume of consolation, of goodness and grace, so that these fumes will drive out every phantom from the mind and body, leaving us as the Apostle Paul phrased it, smelling sweetly of God. May all the attacks of demons fly from this incense, like dust before the wind, like smoke before the dancing flames.

- Anglo-Saxon blessing of incense

Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

Heavens Declare -Marcello

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**

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.
Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.
And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name,
and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Holy God, by raising your son you lift up this fallen world,
rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant to your faithful people
a share in the joys that are eternal; through Christ our Risen Savior.
Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
(Music on the next page)*

** Indicates when to stand in body or spirit*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

5
our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heavenly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

9
who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,

13
suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.
...To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

Proclaiming the Good News

SCRIPTURE

JEREMIAH 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song,

And has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

And declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely,

But did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;

Here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me,

And you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected,

Has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SCRIPTURE

ACTS 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Christ Alone -arr. Lloyd Larson

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon

***HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory
(Music on the next page)

Thine Is the Glory

* 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb;
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

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end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. *(end of refrain)*
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

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An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors through thy death - less love;

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kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.*

* Return to v.1 for final refrain

Responding to the Good News

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

With compassion for our needs, the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names. Let us, with that same mercy, bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of this world and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.

OFFERTORY

Chorale No.1 -Brahms

***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**

Let us pray. God of seekers and doubters, bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are always appearing. Bless our hands so that your love might appear in the work we share. **Amen.**

Sending in Mission

***HYMN OF SENDING**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (Ode to Joy)
(Music on the next page)

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

- by Alan Guss

Let Him be the good you come to, let this be the time and place.
When you need Him, He will be here; take shelter, take shelter.

*Let Him be the calm and peaceful, let Him be the balm of days.
Spirit in us, Spirit of us, take shelter, take shelter.

Daily we face all the world's disarray,
and forget we have peace for the asking.
Hatred stirs up strife, love covers all offenses; seek shelter.

**repeat text for final refrain*

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

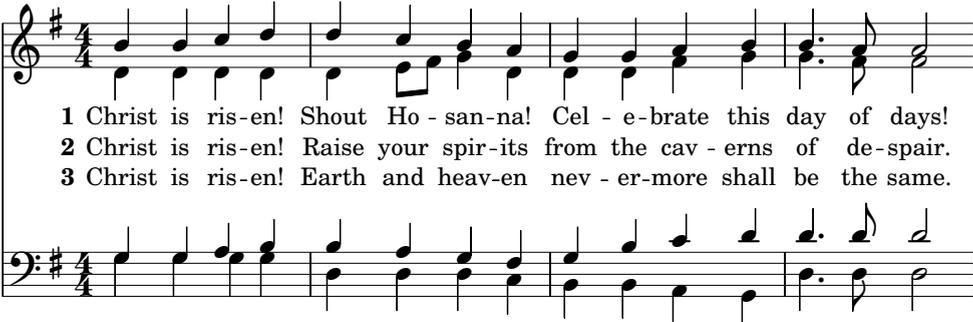
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

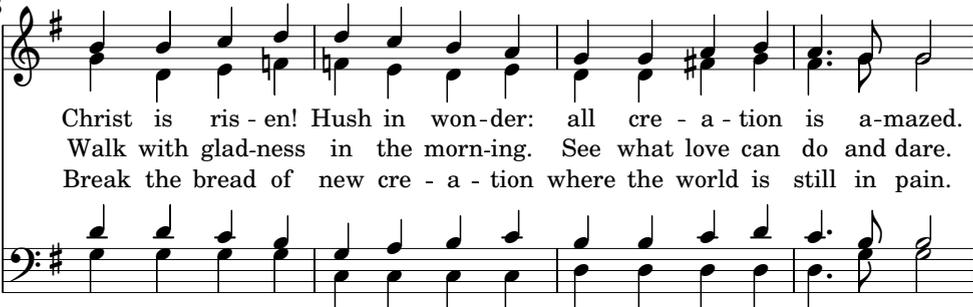
Now Thank We All Our God -Karg-Elert

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (Ode to Joy)



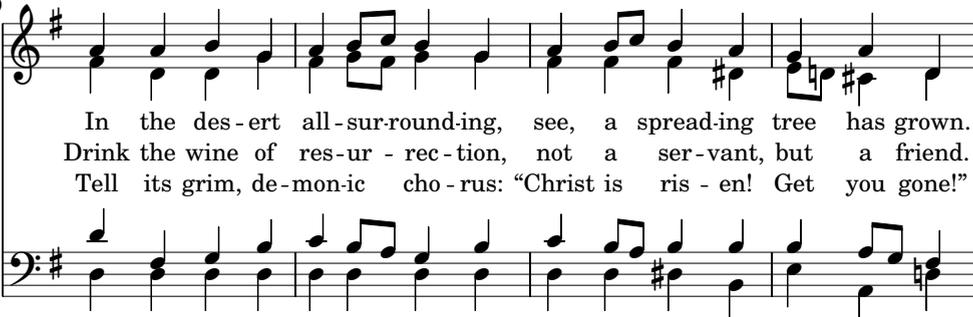
1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san-na! Cel - e-brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav - erns of de-spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.

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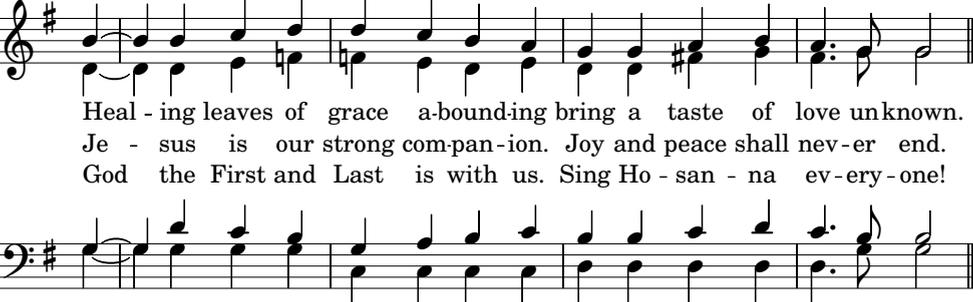


Christ is ris - en! Hush in won-der: all cre - a - tion is a-mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

9



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res-ur - rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a-bounding bring a taste of love unknown.
Je - sus is our strong compan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev-ery-one!

SERVING TODAY

Quad City Brass

Lee Weimer, trumpet
Dave Hamburg, trumpet
Al Guss, french horn
Todd Slothower, trombone
Ron Morton, tuba

Lector/Liturgist

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