



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 19, 2020

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 40:1–11 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: I waited patiently for you, O God; you stooped to me and heard my cry.

**P: You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

L: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in you.

P: Happy are they who trust in you; they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

L: Great things are they that you have done, O God; how great your wonders and your plans for us;
there is none who can be compared with you.

P: Oh, that I could make them known and tell them, but they are more than I can count.

L: In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);

P: Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, “Behold, I come.

L: In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: ‘I love to do your will, O my God;
Your law is deep in my heart.’”

**P: I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips,
And that, O God, you know.**

L: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**P: You are the Holy One; do not withhold your compassion from me;
Let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.” And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

THE SECOND READING John 1:29–42

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

HOMILY

“A Knock at Midnight”

Rev. Ahrens

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Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY HYMN 593

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Elisha Hardekopf, *liturgist*

Next Sunday, Jan. 26, there is only one service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary due to the Annual Meeting.