



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 20, 2019

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 36:5–10 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**P: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**P: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**P: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

THE FIRST READING                      Isaiah 62:1–5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

THE SECOND READING                      John 2:1–11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

HOMILY

“Why We Can’t Wait’ All Over Again”

Rev. Ahrens

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Faith Mission Meal Team**. Each month a team of First Congregational Church volunteers prepares a meal and serves it at Faith Mission. Your donations ensure that the team has the resources to provide a nourishing meal to those whom Faith Mission serves. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift Every Voice*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Kelly Dodd, *liturgist*

THERE IS NO 9 A.M. SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.  
Instead, we gather at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship,  
and at 11 a.m. for the Annual Meeting.  
Please see today’s *Depart to Serve* leaflet for the complete nominations slate.