



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2018

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 62:5–12 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

P: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

P: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;

P: in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

L: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;

P: if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

L: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

P: and steadfast love belongs to you, O God.

THE FIRST READING Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

THE SECOND READING Mark 1:14–20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

HOMILY

“Oh Jonah”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Laundry Love**. The children and youth of First Congregational Church invite you to join them in this continuing year-long mission project. Laundry Love is an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local laundromats throughout the country to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. The next Laundry Love is Tuesday, January 30. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 172

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult

Galilee

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Scott Jones, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Next Sunday, January 28, there will be one service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Annual Meeting will follow immediately after its conclusion.