



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 2, 2020

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany/Youth Sunday

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 15 (*read responsively by verse*)

Hannah Brooks

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

P: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

L: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**P: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

L: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

P: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

THE FIRST READING

Micah 6:1–8

Maddie Helmer

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1–12

Miriam Myers, Sophia Polo,
Mia Provenzano, and Maya Haslett

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HOMILY

“Blessed”

Peter Spofforth

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Star House**, a welcoming drop-in center for transitional youth, ages 14 to 24, experiencing homelessness. Star House serves as a safe and accepting place where they can connect with a concerned community. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 193

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

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COMMUNION MOTET

Ave verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered and sacrificed on the cross for humankind. Whose pierced side flowed with a stream of blood, is the foretaste of our testing unto death.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

Peter Spofforth, *preacher*

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

The Exultate Choir, Jamie Blair, *co-director*

Members of the Youth Group, *liturgists*

Chutney Anderson, Henry Wade, Kylie Cooks, Alexi Cooks, Seby Kulwicki, Jake Haslett, Maya Haslett, Aran Cunningham, Hannah Brooks, Sofia Polo, Maddie Helmer, Sammy Myers, Maggie Myers, Miriam Myers, Mia Provenzano, Matty Provenzano, Nina Zimmerman, Peter Spofforth, Erin Murray, Ethan Murray, Finnegan Miller, Nick Boriin - Mark S. Williams, leader

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Liturgist: Lauren Muscott

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Kris Brant