



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 3, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany/Youth Sunday

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 71:1–6 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

L: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**P: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

L: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**P: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

THE FIRST READING                      Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, LORD God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

THE SECOND READING                      Luke 4:21–30

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

HOMILY

“Power of the Word”

Erin Murray

MISSION INVITATION

Lamar Peoples

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

sung to *Hyfrydol*

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**1. Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray.**

**2. God of wisdom we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation  
lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation  
and the pulse of life are found.**

**3. May our faith redeem the blunder  
of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder  
which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error  
which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror  
with an antiquated creed.**

**4. As two currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow,  
till converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
blend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, the Source.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

Erin Murray, *preacher*

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

Members of the Youth Group, *liturgists*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Liturgist: Scott Jones

Communion Preparation and Refreshments:

The Rev. Rachael Gardner Purdy