



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

February 9, 2020

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 112:1–9 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

**P: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**P: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**P: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

L: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**P: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

**P: their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

THE FIRST READING                      Isaiah 58:1–12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

THE SECOND READING      Matthew 5:13–20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

HOMILY

“Salt and Light”

Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY HYMN 181

You are Salt for the Earth

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The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Lauren Muscott, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Liturgist: Nate and Donna Vogt

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: The Vogts