



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

February 17, 2019

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 1 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**P: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**P: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

THE FIRST READING                      Jeremiah 17:5–10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

THE SECOND READING                      Luke 6:17–26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

HOMILY

“On the Level”

The Rev. David Long-Higgins

MISSION INVITATION

Antoinette Beynen

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Called to Be Family

Words and Music by  
David Long-Higgins and Ken Medema

Composed for the Conference of the United Church of Christ  
in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky

Unison

1. We're called to be  
(2. Each) per - son a  
(3. We) work for a  
(4. We) stand on the

*Sempre legato*

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fam - 'ly u - ni - ted in love, \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace and God's mer - cy we  
treasure now part of the one, \_\_\_\_\_ now joined in the la - bor that  
world that is lov - ing and just. \_\_\_\_\_ We pray for a church dressed in  
edge of to - mor - rows un - known. \_\_\_\_\_ To - geth - er we face what we

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live now to prove. \_\_\_\_\_ We're God's be - loved peo - ple: we walk in God's  
waits to be done. \_\_\_\_\_ With Christ e - ver lead - ing, new vi - sions are  
hon - or and trust. \_\_\_\_\_ We're bound to each oth - er in Christ one to  
can - not a - lone. \_\_\_\_\_ Each church and its peo - ple u - ni - ted to

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way, \_\_\_\_\_ where jus - tice and mer - cy shine bright as the day. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sown, \_\_\_\_\_ God's light to dis - play and God's love to make known. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all. \_\_\_\_\_ We're sis - ters and broth - ers who've an - swered Christ's call. \_\_\_\_\_  
 be \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of God speak - ing, the Spir - it set free. \_\_\_\_\_

25 **Chorus:**

Yes, yes! A thou-sand times, yes! Bet-ter to - ge-ther than out on our own.

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Yes, yes! A thou - sand times, yes! Here in God's fam - 'ly no

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long - er a - lone!

1, 2, 3. 4.

2. Each  
3. We  
4. We

† WE WELCOME THE REV. DAVID LONG-HIGGINS to worship this morning. Rev. Long-Higgins is Transitional Conference Minister with the Ohio United Church of Christ.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *co-celebrant*  
The Rev. David Long-Higgins, *co-celebrant and preacher*  
The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *officiant*  
Nancy Livingston, *pianist*  
Laurie Maynell, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Liturgist: Nicole Moss

Communion Preparation: Rachael Frush Holt

Refreshments: Nicole Moss