



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 23, 2020

The Transfiguration

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 99 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: God reigns; let the people tremble; God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

P: God is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

L: Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**P: "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

L: We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; you are the Holy One.

**P: Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your Name,
they called upon you, and you answered them.**

L: You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**P: "O Holy God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

L: Proclaim the greatness of our God, and worship on God's holy hill,

P: for our God is the Holy One.

THE FIRST READING Exodus 24:12–18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

THE SECOND READING Matthew 17:1–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

HOMILY

“Be Dazzled”

Rev. Ahrens

MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

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The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Peter Murray, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Liturgist: PLEASE SIGN UP

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: PLEASE SIGN UP