



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 3, 2019

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany/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 34:29–35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

THE SECOND READING Luke 9:28–36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

HOMILY

“Reconciling Light Shining”

Rev. Ahrens

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OFFERTORY HYMN 184

O Wondrous Sight

*Deo Gracias*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Jen Provenzano, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Liturgist: Joe Baszynski

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Kris Brant