



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 28, 2019

The Second Sunday of Easter

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118:14–29 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

L: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

P: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

L: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

P: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**P: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

THE FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 5:27–32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

THE SECOND READING John 20:19–31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HOMILY

“One Last Time”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **Sacred Earth-Local Community Gardens**. In recognition of Earth Day (April 22), donations today will go to support four neighborhood community gardens: Highland Youth Garden, Stoddart Avenue Community Garden, South Central Commons, Fourth Street Farms. Each garden supports its local community with teaching, hands-on activities, and feeding local community neighbors with the produce from each garden. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 244

O Sons and Daughters

O filii et filiae

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant & preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Scott Jones, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5

Liturgist: Cori Rowley

Communion: Please sign up

Refreshments: Please sign up