



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2019

The Third Sunday of Easter

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 30 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

L: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

L: For God's anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

P: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

L: By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

P: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

L: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

P: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

P: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

THE FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 9:1–6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

THE SECOND READING John 21:1–19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (*The reading continues on the reverse.*)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

HOMILY

“Let’s Get to Work!”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Ahrens

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OFFERTORY HYMN 250

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Orientis Partibus

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* PRAYER OF SENDING AND PROMISE OF RETURN OF THE REV. EMILY KRAUSE CORZINE

Rev. Ahrens

Rev. Ahrens: As Rev. Corzine goes forth on her sabbatical, we offer our blessings and our prayers of thanksgiving. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide her, her family and us, while we are apart one from the other. During this period of refreshment, we will include Emily in our weekly Prayers of the People, and we commend her to all of you for your daily prayers. Let us come together now as a covenant people, sharing our commitment to the grace of God; praying for God’s strength and guidance for the journey.

***People:* We pray for refreshment of spirit, by the power of God’s Holy Spirit.**

Rev. Corzine: God’s blessing be upon you all as I seek renewal of God’s calling to ministry.

***People:* God be with you while we are away from one another. God fill you with a light spirit as you study, reflect, and visit new surroundings.**

Rev. Corzine: I thank God for my ministry among you and the gift of this time you’ve given me. As you will be praying for me, I, too, will be holding you all in prayer.

***People:* May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey. We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry. We send you with our blessing.**

Rev. Ahrens: Let us pray. Spirit of God, we pray for Rev. Corzine’s renewal and refreshment during this time of Sabbath rest. Renew her for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace her with your presence and keep her steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

All: Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

Cori Rowley, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

Liturgist: Joe Baszynski

Communion: Kris Brant

Refreshments: Kris Brant