



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 13, 2018

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

P: Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, and they meditate on that law day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

P: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;

P: For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

THE SECOND READING

John 17:6–19

Jesus said, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

HOMILY

“RE-planted!”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **The Well**. The Well is a weekly drop-in center for women formerly or currently trafficked in the sex industry in Central Ohio. The Salvation Army houses this center, which is part of its larger Anti-Human-Trafficking Program, serving as a primary victim service provider in the area. The Well offers women a network of resources for support and assistance. Each week women gather for a hot meal, group therapy, activities, Bible study, friendship and to make necklaces that provide the weekly \$10 stipend they receive. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 257

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

Hyfrydol

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant & preacher*Nancy Livingston, *pianist*Joel Mathias, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 20 (Pentecost/Confirmation)

Liturgist: Confirmands

Communion Preparation:

Refreshments: