



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 19, 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 148 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; sing praise in the heights.

P: Praise God, all you angels; sing praise, all the heavenly host.

L: Praise God, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

P: Praise God, heaven of heavens and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the Name of God, by whose command they were created.

P: God made them stand fast for ever and ever, and gave them a law which shall not pass away.

L: Praise God from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

P: Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

P: Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

L: Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, leaders and all rulers of the world;

P: Young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: Let them praise your Name, O God, for your Name only is exalted; your splendor is over earth and heaven.

P: You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!

THE FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

THE SECOND READING John 13:31–35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

HOMILY

Will Haslett
Madeline Helmer

MISSION INVITATION

Lincoln Glaros and Ms. Helmer

Cash and designated checks go to **Central Ohio Spina Bifida Alliance (COSBA)** and the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**. COSBA’s mission is to raise awareness of Spina Bifida and to make a difference in the lives of all who are touched by Spina Bifida in the Central Ohio area. Since 2001, COSBA has offered support to new families, organized social gatherings and helped with Spina Bifida-related financial needs. NAMI’s mission is to improve the quality of life and ensure dignity and respect for persons with serious mental illness, and offer support to their families and close friends. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 613

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

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THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

The Confirmation Class of 2019, *liturgists*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26

Liturgist: Nicole Moss

Communion: Please Sign Up

Refreshments: Nicole Moss