



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 104:24–34, 35b (*read responsively by verse*)

L: O Holy One, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**P: Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

L: There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

P: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

L: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**P: You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

L: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

P: May the glory of God endure for ever; may the Holy One rejoice in all creation.

L: God looks at the earth and it trembles; God touches the mountains and they smoke.

P: I will sing to God as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L: May these words of mine find favor; I will rejoice in the Holy One.

P: Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, and the wicked be no more.

L: Bless the Holy One, O my soul.

P: Alleluia!

THE FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 2:1–21

(Read in English) When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

(Read in Dutch) Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

(The reading continues on the reverse.)

(Read in German) But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

THE SECOND READING John 14:8–17

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

HOMILY

“Questioning Our Faith”

Rev. Ahrens

MISSION INVITATION

Mr. Brown

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OFFERTORY HYMN 59

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Nettleton

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Anthony Brown, *celebrant*

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

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

Jen Provenzano, *liturgist*

Antoinette Beynen, *Dutch reader*

Kevin Jones, *German reader*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16 (Trinity Sunday)

Liturgist: please sign up

Communion Preparation & Refreshments: please sign up