



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 10, 2018

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 5

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 138 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

P: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

L: For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

P: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

L: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

P: They will sing of the ways of God, that great is the glory of God.

L: Although on high, God cares for the lowly and perceives the haughty from afar.

**P: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand
against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

L: You will make good your purpose for me;

P: O God, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 8:4–11, 16–20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

THE SECOND READING Mark 3:20–35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

HOMILY

“Community”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

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OFFERTORY HYMN 256

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Dunlap’s Creek

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

Peter Murray, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Liturgist: Peter Murray

Communion Preparation:

Refreshments: Heather Whaling

