



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 8 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**P: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**P: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

**P: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**P: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

THE FIRST READING                      Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,

the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the human race.

THE SECOND READING      John 16:12–15

Jesus said, “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

“Unbearable Realities”

Mr. Brown

MISSION INVITATION

Mark Williams

In 1969, a national United Church of Christ body affirmed the civil rights of LGBT persons. In 1972, the UCC ordained the Rev. Bill Johnson, the first openly gay man to be ordained by a mainline denomination. In 1985, the UCC General Synod voted to become an Open and Affirming denomination. Cash and designated checks go to **UCC-LGBT Ministries** to continue this legacy of love and inclusion in our national church. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 277

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Nicaea*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Anthony Brown, *preacher*

Kevin Jones, *pianist and liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Liturgist: The Rev. Rachael Gardner Purdy

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Holt Family