



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 17, 2018

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 6

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 20 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: May the Most High answer you in the day of trouble, the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

P: Send you help from the holy place and strengthen you out of Zion;

L: Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

P: Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

L: We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God;

P: may the Most High grant all your requests.

L: Now I know that God gives victory to the anointed one; out of the holy heaven God will answer,
with a strong and victorious right hand.

P: Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the Name of our God.

L: They will collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

P: O God, give victory to our sovereign, and answer us when we call.

THE FIRST READING 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

THE SECOND READING Mark 4:26–34

Jesus also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

HOMILY

“Flourishing”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **CRIS**. Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) is an independent non-profit agency serving refugees, asylees and immigrants in central Ohio. Among local community-based organizations, CRIS is the largest agency providing services to immigrants in Central Ohio, and is the agency providing the most extensive services to immigrant populations in our area. Those services include immigration legal services and interpretation and translation. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 488

Be still my soul

Finlandia

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After Communion

BLESSING OF CAMPERS

L: Let us pray for these individuals who will be attending camps this summer.

P: Gracious God. We thank you for this new day and for all the opportunities you place before us to grow in faith. We ask your blessing on those who are getting ready to go off to camp, that they may they grow in the knowledge and understanding of your love and grace. May they be kept safely in your hand. May they encounter you in both the beauty of your creation and in the eyes of their neighbor. May they feel your presence with them while they are away. And may they return safely to their homes better equipped to serve you with the whole of their lives. In the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

Peter Murray, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24

We are in need of help in preparing Communion and Refreshments. Please sign up!