



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 30, 2019

The Third Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 8

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 16 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**P: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**P: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**P: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

L: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**P: in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

THE FIRST READING                      I Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## THE SECOND READING

Luke 9:51–62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

## HOMILY

“Let Freedom Ring”

Rev. Ahrens

## MISSION INVITATION

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## OFFERTORY HYMN 290

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Morecambe*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Anthony Brown, *celebrant*The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*Kevin Jones, *pianist*Nate and Donna Vogt, *liturgists*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7

Liturgist: Geoff Dean

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Amanda Butler