



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 7, 2019

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 66:1–9 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of God's Name; sing the glory of God's praise.

**P: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds; because of your great strength
your enemies cringe before you.**

L: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name.

P: Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful are these doings toward all people.

L: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

**P: Whose might rules for ever, whose eyes keep watch over the nations;
let not the rebellious lift up their heads.**

L: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

P: God holds our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10–14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

THE SECOND READING Luke 10: 1–11, 16–20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

HOMILY

“The Dust That Clings”

Rev. Prendergast

MISSION INVITATION

Antoinette Beynen

Cash and designated checks go to **Refugee Resettlement - First Church Team**. In 2018, First Congregational Church, UCC, through our connection with Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS), welcomed three Eritrean families to Columbus. We are committed to the families of Rigat Teame Mebrhatu and her 12-year-old daughter, Kileopatra Fikre Amdeselasie, Nasra Mohamed Shom Omar and her adult daughter, Hayat Mohamed, and Letkehidan Teklu Redan and her four-year-old son, Million Beemnet Negash. Over the last year, we have helped them furnish a home, improve their English, learn how to get around Columbus, and seek employment, but our work toward helping them achieve self-sufficiency is not quite finished. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN 594

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

Materna

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Laurence Miller, *celebrant*

The Rev. Abby Prendergast, *preacher*

Ronald J. Jenkins, *pianist*

Geoff Dean, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14

Liturgist: Antoinette Beynen

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Antoinette Beynen